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Chickasaw Talent Database July 18 - 19

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw citizens of all ages are encouraged to showcase their acting, modeling or voice talents during the Chickasaw Talent Database event July 18 and 19.

This year's event will be at the Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway, in Ada.

Create or add to profiles during this two-day event! Participants may be cast in tribal commercials, print publications, films, documentaries, voice productions and more. No prior experience is required.

Classes will also be offered in acting, preparation, résumés and makeup taught by industry professionals.

The deadline for applications is July 1.

For a complete schedule and application visit, www.Chickasaw.net/talent or call (580) 332-1165.

Native American Junior Open golf tournament

ARDMORE, Okla. - Native American youth ages eight to 18 are invited to participate in the Native American Junior Open golf tournament Saturday, June 7 at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. Tournament play starts at 12:30 p.m.

A $20 registration fee is required. The fee will cover green fees, lunch and range balls. Pre-registration is not available.

Awards will be presented for longest drive and closest to the pin. Trophies will be given for first through third places in each age group. Door prizes will also be awarded.

The Native American Junior Open tournament is also a qualifier for Chickasaw youth ages 12 to 18 for Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw will participate in various tournaments throughout the year.

Please bring proof of tribal citizenship to participate.

For more information, contact Youth Services at (580) 272-5716.

Apply now for higher education summer grants, scholarships

Chickasaw students seeking higher education grants and scholarships for the 2014 summer semester must apply by June 15.

Students participating in undergraduate, graduate or doctoral programs at an accredited college are eligible to receive assistance through a number of grants and scholarship programs provided through the Chickasaw Nation.

Grants and scholarships assist part-time and full-time students with tuition, books and fees.

Applicants must complete a Programs, Grants and Scholarship Application and provide an official high school or college transcript and schedule of classes.

Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/highered.

For more information, contact education services at (580) 421-7711.

Casting calls begin this month

Feature film to spotlight Chickasaw actress Te Ata

Te Ata at the beginning of her career in the mid-1920s.

ADA, Okla. – The remarkable life and legacy of Mary Frances Thompson, better known at Te Ata, will soon enthrall audiences on the silver screen.

The Chickasaw Nation is producing the movie about Te Ata.

She was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1958; declared Oklahoma's first "State Treasure" in 1987; awarded the Oklahoma Governor's Arts Award in 1975, and named Woman of the Year by *Ladies' Home Journal* in 1976.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said Te Ata was a great ambassador for Chickasaws and all Native Americans.

"Te Ata stands as a shining example of how artistic expression can change hearts and minds in a way that helps bring diverse cultures together," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She brought the beauty and wisdom of Native American culture to the world in a way that helped develop greater appreciation for core values such as basic human kindness and respect for the natural world.

"We believe film is a great way to tell our own story and preserve the legacy of Te Ata and other Chickasaws who have made a difference in the world."

She adopted the name Te Ata in honor of her Chickasaw heritage at the infancy of her career in the 1920s.

She performed for presidents, kings, royalty and heads of state. She entertained nationally and internationally. Te Ata traveled the world bringing joy and promoting Native American culture to all people she encountered.

Scripting, casting and filming are planned for a number of Oklahoma locations, including Tishomingo, Guthrie, Oklahoma City, and extensively within the Chickasaw Nation's 13-county tribal territory.

FRANKOWSKI TO DIRECT

A director who has filmed in 35 countries and 45 states has been hired to bring the story of Te Ata to life.

Nathan Frankowski is a Canadian citizen who lives in the U.S. He has won several awards for his directorial achievements. "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed," his 2008 documentary addressing intelligent design, won *MovieGuide*'s Best Film for Mature Audiences, and the Faith and Freedom Award in 2009. He won the Omaha Film Festival's Jury Award in 2012 for "Renee."

His latest film, "Unlimited," was released in 2013. The film stars actor and former U.S. Senator, presidential aspirant and *Law and Order* regular Fred Thompson.

Paul Sirmons has been hired as the film's producer. He served three years as Florida's State Film Commissioner in the Gov. Jeb Bush administration.

He directed and produced the family movie "The First of May" (1999), which starred Broadway legend Julie Harris, the late Mickey Rooney, the late Charles Nelson Reilly, Dan Byrd, and featured baseball icon the late Joe DiMaggio. It won 13 film festival awards, and has aired on HBO, TBN, Cinemax and around the world. In addition to many other family films, Mr. Sirmons began his career working on the megahit television series *The Waltons*.

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Sculpture of famed Chickasaw leader Piominko dedicated in Tishomingo

Renowned artist and former Seminole Nation Principal Chief Enoch Kelly Haney, left, and Governor Bill Anoatubby before Mr. Haney's vision of famed Chickasaw leader Piominko. The statue was formally dedicated April 28, in Tishomingo, Oklahoma, on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw Nation Capitol.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby honored our Chickasaw past here April 28, dedicating a sculpture honoring arguably the most pivotally important and influential Chickasaw leader in early American history.

For generations, people called him Piomingo. The tribe, through historical research and in consultation with its language department, discovered the great Mountain Leader should be addressed as "Piominko." "Minko" is Chickasaw for "leader."

A large gathering of Chickasaw Nation and Tishomingo community dignitaries corrected the name and formally dedicated the sculpture on the grounds of the historic Chickasaw Nation Capitol as "Piominko."

"We are going back to our roots and calling people by their proper title," Gov. Anoatubby told the gathering on a spectacular April afternoon.

Piominko and President George Washington, Gov. Anoatubby said, enjoyed a personal relationship. They both signed the 1786 Treaty of Hopewell which formalized the Chickasaw Nation's alliance with the fledgling United States and "defined the tribal boundaries," Gov. Anoatubby said.

Piominko is honored for his greatness and visionary actions benefiting the Chickasaw Nation and for enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people, Gov. Anoatubby said.

When American colonists plunged headlong into the Revolutionary War, Piominko allied with the Americans rather than the Spanish.

"In a bold move, and one that turned out to be one of his greatest achievements, he acted as a tribal diplomat in order to protect tribal sovereignty," Gov. Anoatubby said.

When the smoke cleared with victory for the colonists, Piominko was there to build partnerships with the new Americans.

The sculpture – painstakingly crafted over more than three years by renowned Oklahoma artist, state political leader and former Seminole Na-

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Chickasaw Nation tribal election filing period set

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has announced filing period opens June 2 and continues through June 4, 2014 for the 2014 General Elections.

Candidates must file in the election secretary's office in the Government Services building located at 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, Ada, Okla.

Candidates may file between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Seats to be filled are, Legislative Seat 3 of Pontotoc District; Seat 4 of Pontotoc District; Seat 2 of Pickens District; Seat 3 of the Tishomingo District; and Seat 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court.

Each legislative candidate must be a registered Chickasaw voter, resident of the Chickasaw Nation for at least one year and of his or her respective district for at least six months immediately preceding the election; must remain a resident of their elected district during the tenure of his or her office and must be at least 25 years of age. Term of office is three years. Filing fees are $500.

A judicial candidate must be a registered voter of the Chickasaw Nation; resident of the Chickasaw Nation during his or her tenure of office; and must be at least 30 years of age. Three-year term of office. Filing fees are $500.

Candidates must bring verification of physical and mailing address, such as a utility bill or homestead exemption, filing fee and upon filing must complete a financial disclosure statement. Statements are also due at the end of every month during the candidate's active campaign period.

Candidates will receive an electoral packet containing election rules and regulations, the Chickasaw Constitution, financial disclosure forms, biography form for the Chickasaw Times, and watcher form. Candidates must not have been convicted of a felony. Background checks are conducted on all candidates.

Primary election is July 29 and run-off election is August 26, if applicable.

For further assistance, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary toll free at 1-888-661-0137.

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Save the Date! Sept. 27 - Oct. 4

Annual Meeting and Festival set for Sept. 27 - Oct. 4 in Tishomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaws from around the world will return home to celebrate the 2014 Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival, Sept. 27 through Oct. 4.

The theme for the 2014 Annual Meeting and Festival is "Honor, Tradition, Courage – Our People."

This year marks the 54th Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation and the 26th Chickasaw Festival.

Activities begin Saturday, Sept. 27, and culminate Saturday, Oct. 4.

Numerous events, including the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Cultural Evening, the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Junior Olympics are planned for the weeklong homecoming that celebrates Chickasaw heritage, culture, spirit and traditions.

For more information call (580) 371-2040 or 1 (800) 593-3356.

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TOUCHING LIVES THROUGH ART

Te Ata was an exquisitely talented actress and dancer, trained at Carnegie Institute of Technology. She was also a storyteller, performing as a Native American in full regalia at the first state dinner hosted by President and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. She entertained King George VI in 1939 at FDR's home at Hyde Park, N.Y.

Te Ata's talent, education, and love of her Chickasaw heritage took her from Emet, Indian Territory, where she was born in 1895, to New York, Pittsburgh, London, Peru and many more far-flung regions. She wed renowned naturalist and academic Dr. Clyde Fisher in 1933 and traveled throughout South America with her husband on scientific missions. He was the first curator of Hayden Planetarium, known now as the American Museum of Natural History, in New York.

Many of her performances in the 1930s were at summer camps throughout New England and New York state. Te Ata toured Europe. Frequent travels to South America and extensive trips throughout America accorded Te Ata the opportunity to observe Native ceremonies and learn different traditions. She incorporated these experiences in performances and later in her storytelling.

She also authored a children's book, *Baby Rattlesnake*, inspired by a traditional oral Chickasaw tale. The book is still available online at www.goodreads.com.

HONORING THE BEARER OF THE DAWN

Te Ata died just short of her 100th birthday in 1995. Her body of work and immense talent is not lost. Many of her performances are preserved in a 1971 film, "God's Drum," and on a video recording of a storytelling festival sponsored by the Oklahoma City Arts Council.

A portrait of Te Ata, painted by Nellie Ellen Shepherd, was dedicated in February 2010, and is proudly displayed at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

She was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 1990.

Te Ata is a descendent of several powerful and influential Chickasaws. Former Chickasaw Nation Governor Douglas Johnston was her uncle. Her father, T.B., was Chickasaw Nation treasurer. She was the aunt of Helen Cole, a former Oklahoma Senator and educator, and great aunt to Rep. Tom Cole, Oklahoma Fourth District U.S. Congressman.

Her influence on the appreciation of Native traditions and the art of storytelling is an enduring legacy. She preserved and promoted great affection for old ways, American Indians and natural beauty.

The film's progress may be followed at several web-based locations, such as TeAtathemovie.com and on Facebook at Te Ata Thompson Fisher/Facebook.

CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann, Media Relations.

Chickasaw parents have simple path to ensuring their children become citizens

The strength of a nation can be directly traced to the number of citizens and its continued growth. A healthy increase in births is a sign that the people of the nation are prospering and flourishing. For the Chickasaw Nation, new generations are a physical representation of the tribe's continued strength.

The path to citizenship is clearly defined for children of parents who are already citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. The journey to becoming a Chickasaw citizen is an easy process, with help from the Chickasaw Nation along the way.

"It was easy for us. The paperwork involved in getting my daughter's citizenship only took about two weeks, Chickasaw citizen Wiley Barnes, of Ada, said.

"They provided a packet that explained the process. Included was a checklist of everything I needed for my daughter. When we returned to the office, they checked everything before we left. The staff helped us with everything we needed in one location."

To become citizens of the tribe, parents must first apply and receive a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) for their child. This federal document is issued by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It shows the total Indian blood quantum of the baby. Parents must show direct relationship of the baby to an individual listed on a tribal base roll. For Chickasaws, this is the Dawes Commission Rolls.

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a person's degree of Indian blood is computed from lineal ancestors of Indian blood who were enrolled with a federally-recognized Indian tribe or whose names appear on designated base rolls of federally-recognized Indian tribes.

The process for the CDIB requires completion of a short application. The information on the application includes the requester's name, address, date of birth of the child and parents' information. A state-issued, long form copy of the applicant's birth certificate must be attached with the application. County, hospital and city birth certificates are not accepted.

The parents of the child will also need to attach a Sworn Statement of Affidavit signed and notarized indicating they are the natural mother and father. If either parent is deceased, a copy of his or her death certificate must be included with the application.

When the CDIB card has been received, the process to become a Chickasaw citizen includes a short application form. Almost all information and supplemental documentation provided to obtain the CDIB card is the same to receive Chickasaw citizenship.

Information regarding a child possessing blood of another tribe needs to be provided. Many citizens have blood from more than one tribe, but may claim citizenship in only one tribe.

For children under the age of 12 who are granted citizenship, the Chickasaw Nation will issue a citizenship certificate. Children over the age of 12 who are applying for citizenship must include a color photograph, 1.5 by 1.25 inches, with the application. They will receive a citizenship card with the child's photo printed on it.

"We received a packet in the mail with her citizenship certificate in it," Mr. Barnes said. "Also included was a copy of the Programs and Services Guide, a letter from Gov. Anoatubby and other important information."

Throughout the citizen's lifetime, he or she will need to update citizenship credentials. These include when minor children reach the age of 12 to obtain a photo citizenship card, children who turn 18 and wish to become registered voters, and every five years afterword to update citizen information and to get a photo printed on the citizenship card.

For more information on obtaining a CDIB, tribal citizenship or voter registration, contact the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Services at (580) 436-7250 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Open Casting Call Schedule

Individuals interested in auditioning for a role in the full-length feature film are asked to bring 8x10 portraits and their respective resumés.

Participants will be invited to read, but auditions will move quickly. Anticipate a two-minute reading audition before a trio of judges.

Those interested in attending an open casting call event must arrive between the designated times for the specific location and arrive no later than 30 minutes before ending time to guarantee an audition slot.Cities and tentative dates include:

- **Dallas area - Saturday, June 14**
  9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie
  1000 Lone Star Parkway
  Grand Prairie, TX
- **Los Angeles - Sunday, June 22**
  10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  Beverly Holloway Casting
  5721 W. Slauson Ave., Suite 110
  Culver City, CA
- **Oklahoma City - Saturday, June 28**
  9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  Remington Park
  One Remington Place
  Oklahoma City, OK
- **Ada - Sunday, June 29**
  9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
  McSwain Theatre
  130 W. Main
  Ada, OK
- **Albuquerque - Saturday, July 12**
  Location TBA
- **Tulsa - Saturday, August 2**
  Location TBA

Auditions are open to everyone and an online casting call is planned.

For additional Te Ata the movie casting information, email teataopencasting@gmail.com or visit www.teatathemovie.com. Follow Te Ata the movie on Facebook at Facebook.com/TeAtaThompsonFisher.

Upcoming Events

GOURDget Workshop Adult Class
2nd Monday of Each Month, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.
Division of Arts & Humanities Building, Ada, Okla.
Contact: (580) 272-5520

Native American Junior Open
June 7 – 11:30 a.m.
Lakeview Golf Course, Ardmore, Okla.
Contact: Charley Cabaniss (580) 272-5716

Pine Needle Baskets Class
June 7, 2014, 1-3 p.m.
Council House Museum, Tishomingo, Okla.
Contact: (580) 371-3351

Night at the Museums Featuring: Capitan Phillips
June 9, 2014, movie starts at 8:30 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol grounds
Contact: (580) 371-9835

Gospel Singing at Boggy Depot
June 14, 2014, 4-10 p.m.
Boggy Depot.
Contact: (580) 371-9835

Art Integration Workshop for Education
June 18-19, 2014, 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Division of Arts & Humanities Building, Ada, Okla.
Contact: (580) 272-5520

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tion Principal Chief Enoch Kelly Haney – now guards the historic Capitol. Piominko is cautious. A steely eye is peeled for danger, a tomahawk is tucked securely in his waistband. Other necessities are packed in his "possibles bag." The greatness of Piominko and his importance to the Chickasaw Nation is fully on display. "My team and I researched Piominko through historical records and accounts," Mr. Haney said following the dedication. "We paid attention to the smallest of details to ensure the work was historically accurate."

Mr. Haney's Piominko sculpture shows the great Chickasaw leader in traditional post-European contact attire, sporting a peace medal presented to him by President Washington, along with a traditional Chickasaw gorget. Gov. Anoatubby praised Haney for "honoring us again with a great work of art."

Mr. Haney also created the Chickasaw Warrior sculptures proudly displayed at the tribe's headquarters and the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, both in Ada, and the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Piominko was born in the homelands (now Mississippi} around 1750 and played a huge role in protecting the Chickasaw Nation and the lower Mississippi River valley from invaders, warlords, foreign intruders and enemies of the tribe.

Piominko effortlessly split his endeavors between the Native and non-Native worlds. It is believed he lived in what is now western Tennessee and among Chickasaws in northern Mississippi throughout his lifetime.

On Jan. 10, 1786, Piominko signed the Treaty of Hopewell and was later welcomed to Washington's home in Philadelphia July 11, 1794.

Piominko received a commission as a militia officer from President Washington. He received something else from Washington that would resonate throughout Chickasaw culture. It was a full-length military jacket. A statue of Piominko in Tupelo, Mississippi, shows him wearing a military jacket. Its double-breasted splendor became a fashion adopted by many Chickasaw men of the era. Chickasaws included them in their everyday clothing and made them uniquely Chickasaw through cultural accessories, such as gorgets.

The aging Piominko (49 was considered elderly in the 18th century) made his last public appearance in July 1797. He and William Colbert were successful in winning approval for the site of a new fort at the present day Auction Square in Collierville, Tenn.

Piominko provided strong leadership. He acted as a diplomat to protect Chickasaw sovereignty. He met with other Southeastern tribes, governors of states and President Washington to reach agreements benefiting Chickasaws.

Little is known of Piominko's death, although it very likely occurred in the winter of 1798 or early 1799. The end probably came in a Chickasaw village near present-day Tupelo, Mississippi.

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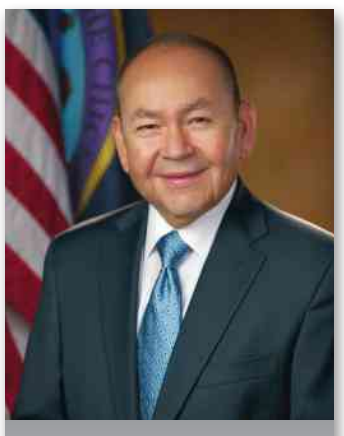
Vital programs, services priority mission in serving Chickasaws



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

Serving Chickasaw people well is the top priority for those of us who work for you at the Chickasaw Nation.

That's a simple statement, but it says everything about what we do at our tribe. When you boil it all down, the one reason for our government is to serve you and all your fellow Chickasaws.

Over the years, we have developed many programs and services, all designed to meet the needs of Chickasaws. These elements of service have grown exponentially over the years. Many have come about based on input from you!

When you first honored me by electing me your Governor, it was a real scramble to provide even the most basic services to Chickasaws. We were severely limited by federal funds and we were still searching for our own revenue-producing ideas.

We have come a long way together!

Today, we have the very best tribal education programs in the country. We send hundreds of Chickasaw students annually to colleges, universities and other higher education institutions. We will invest over $23 million this fiscal year in education programs for Chickasaws. Tuition, books, computers, housing, tutoring, stipends and much more are all available to our precious students.

And they deserve it! These students have worked hard to qualify for higher education and it is our job to do everything we can to help them reach new heights, develop great careers and live fulfilling lives. Education has been a Chickasaw priority for generations. Now, we are committing the resources necessary to properly support our students.

When the Chickasaw Nation assumed authority for Indian health care in the Ada area in 1994, we knew it was absolutely the right thing to do. It was clear to me health care was the number one issue with Chickasaws. I know because you told me, many times!

We committed to developing the best health care services in the country. We did that because it was so critically important to the Chickasaw people. We developed and funded important new and expanded services, and we built the finest Indian medical facility in the country. We are now seeing more Chickasaw and other Indian patients through the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health than ever before. We are committed to excellent health care and the wellness of our people, every day.

Our Chickasaw heritage is precious to each of us. It's what binds us together and defines who we are as Chickasaws. We were beginning to lose a little of that important connection simply because we were not focusing on it enough. We have now moved ahead in a big way!

Today, we invest time, effort and resources in preserving the elements of our heritage, and promoting our unique cultural history. We support Chickasaw artists and craftsmen, musicians, actors, storytellers, dancers and so much more. Each Chickasaw artist is important, and each contributes to the foundations of our Southeastern heritage.

We promote special events, like the recent Artesian Arts Festival in Sulphur. There, Chickasaw and other Southeastern artists display and sell their wonderful art. It offers an opportunity for others to appreciate our arts, and for young Chickasaws to develop their talents.

We now have numerous Chickasaw language programs for Chickasaws of all ages. We realized our language was being lost as our speakers were lost. Just 50 years ago, there were many Chickasaw homes where our language was spoken, or was even the primary language. But that was changing fast and we were losing our language.

We now have programs to teach basic Chickasaw to our children. We offer classes for adults, who learn the language and how to communicate effectively. Our master/apprentice program matches an able apprentice with as master speaker to continue the language.

All these programs, and so many more, are vital to Chickasaw people and our Chickasaw way of life. My job, and the job of all who serve you at the Chickasaw Nation, is to serve you fully and well – every day of the year!

Distinguished service with 17th Mississippi Infantry, CSA

Progressivism, incorruptibility marked Guy's gubernatorial term

Chickasaw Governor William Malcolm Guy

Note: This is the sixth in a series of articles highlighting the burial places of Chickasaw Governors since Removal to Indian Territory.

The final resting place of former Chickasaw Governor William Malcolm Guy is not a mystery, nor is it hard to find.

Gov. Guy is buried in Oaklawn Cemetery, the largest cemetery in Sulphur, Okla. His grave is marked with an unassuming small white memorial, reading William M. Guy, Co F, 17th Mississippi Infantry, CSA.

Serving as leader of the Chickasaw Nation from 1886-88, Gov. Guy's tombstone honors his remarkable military career, but it does not tell of his intrepid work as Governor of the Chickasaw Nation.

William Malcolm Guy, son of William R. Guy and Jane Aldridge Guy, was born at Boggy Depot, Chickasaw Nation, Feb. 4, 1845. He was one of nine children.

Gov. Guy and his siblings lived at the home of his uncle, former Chickasaw Gov. Cyrus Harris, after their parents died, according to a 1941 article by John Meserve in the Chronicles of Oklahoma.

He attended tribal schools until 1861 when, at 16 years old, he enlisted to serve the Confederate Army during the War Between the States.

He had a distinguished military career, serving in the battle of Bull Run, Seven Days battles near Richmond, the battles of Harpers Ferry and Antietam and the two engagements at Fredericksburg. He was severely wounded in the left shoulder and head at Gettysburg and he was taken a prisoner for a brief time, and was subsequently exchanged at City Point, Virginia.

Gov. Guy was with the army of General Lee at the time of the surrender at Appomattox Court House.

After the war, he entered Marshall Institute in Mississippi and where he resumed his education.

Two years later, in 1868, he returned to Mill Creek to help his uncle Cyrus Harris in the livestock business.

In 1870 his service to the Chickasaw Nation began when he was elected secretary of the Chickasaw Senate. He later served as a representative of his county, and gained a stellar reputation of being an "incorruptible as well as a wise legislator."

During his run for Chickasaw Governor, the 1886 election was "too close to call" and was sent for a vote in the legislature, where 41-year-old Guy was elected by one vote, succeeding Gov. Jonas Wolf.

As Governor, Guy was considered progressive; as he opposed discriminating policies affecting tribal members regarding quantity of Indian blood.

Gov. Guy's 1888 re-election bid was thwarted by William L. Byrd in a campaign memorable for its bitterness. The Chickasaw legislature was once again tasked with tallying ballots when armed supporters of both candidates gathered at Tishomingo. Trouble was averted by the Secretary of the Interior, who recognized a declaration of the legislature naming Byrd as governor-elect of the 1888 election.

"If Guy had been an aggressive or quarrelsome man, many lives might have been sacrificed, but the nephew of old Governor Harris partakes of the kindly and peaceful disposition of his uncle and we look for nothing less than a satisfactory settlement," according to an 1888 article in the Indian Chieftain.

Gov. Guy was elected to the Chickasaw Senate in 1892 after an unsuccessful 1890 bid for governor. He was a delegate to Washington in 1895 and 1897 and he also visited Tennessee and Mississippi in the interest of the Chickasaw Nation.

Gov. Guy, who at 45 was considered a confirmed bachelor, married 19-year-old Maggie Lindsey at Ardmore June 25, 1890.

He established the Sulphur Neighborhood School at Sulphur and served as trustee from 1900-1902. The name of this school was subsequently changed to Guy National School and later to the Sulphur National Institute. The school stood where the present-day Murray County Courthouse now stands, according to local historian Dennis Muncrief.

Gov. Guy continued to maintain interest Chickasaw Nation political affairs until statehood, when he retired to his farm near Sulphur, in Murray County, Okla.

Oklahoma Gov. C.N. Haskell honored Guy in 1908 when named him to his personal staff with the rank of Colonel.

The former governor died at his farm home near Sulphur June 2, 1918, and is buried in the Oaklawn Cemetery.

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Gold medal for Chicksaw Press publication

'Riding Out The Storm' traces paths of Govs. Harris, Colbert, Byrd

Chickasaw Press publication "Riding Out The Storm: 19th Century Chickasaw Governors, Their Lives and Intellectual Legacy," has been honored by the Independent Publishers Book Awards.

Dr. Phillip Carroll Morgan

Authored by Dr. Phillip Carroll Morgan, "Riding Out The Storm" earned a Gold medal in "Mid-West region Non-Fiction for the Mid-West region" at the 18th annual Independent Publisher Book Awards.

The awards, sponsored by Independent Publisher magazine, were announced in late April.

"Chickasaw Press is proud to continue its unbroken tradition of earning recognition in the publishing world for the quality of our titles," Wiley Barnes, Chickasaw Press director, said. "The book business has honored our efforts with at least one significant award every year beginning with Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable, our first book."

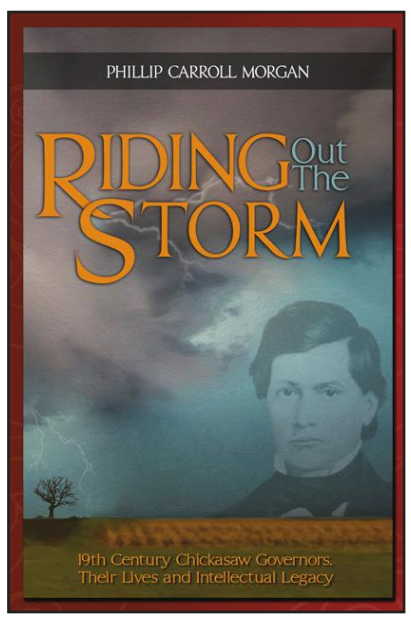
Published in 2013, "Riding Out The Storm" profiles three Chickasaw governors: Cyrus Harris, Winchester Colbert and William L. Byrd. Each man rose to the rank of governor during the tumultuous 19th century.

Dr. Morgan takes a unique approach as he tells the story of the Chickasaw governors. Using literary backdrops that directly relate to each man's experiences, the author draws new insight as he explores gubernatorial connections.

The author shares these stories - from a Chickasaw perspective - of how these fascinating, highly-educated Chickasaw gentlemen led their nation in riding out the storm during a period of uninvited change.

Dr. Morgan, who serves as Chickasaw Press senior writer, has also authored Chickasaw Renaissance and co-authored Dynamic Chickasaw Women. He is the award-winning author of The Fork-in-the-Road Indian Poetry Store, and co-author of Reasoning Together: The Native Critics Collective. He holds a master's degree and a doctorate in Native American literature from the University of Oklahoma.

All of Dr. Morgan's books are available through Chickasaw Press, 1500 Hoppe Blvd, Suite 1, Ada, Okla., or by visiting the Press website at http://www.chickasawpress.com.



About the Chickasaw Press

The Chickasaw Press, established in 2006, produces scholarly and academic works based on Chickasaw history and culture, written from a Chickasaw perspective. It has published many such books and continues to do so.

Those books also won recognition and awards. Among them are the three-volume Chikasha Stories series, written by highly respected elder and traditional oral storyteller Glenda Galvan and illustrated by Jeannie Barbour; Ilimpa'chi' (We're Gonna Eat): A Chickasaw Cookbook, by JoAnn Ellis and Vicki Penner; a poetry book titled Picked Apart The Bones, by Rebecca Hatcher Travis; and two art books by renowned Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen and his wife, Martha: Proud to be Chickasaw and They Know Who They Are, featuring the stories of elders and early sketches and paintings of them by Larsen.

Chickasaw Journeys, an activities book aimed at youngsters, and Footsteps Still Whispering in the Wind, are White Dog Press publications, a new imprint under Chickasaw Press.

The White Dog Press debuted in 2013 as an outlet for Chickasaw fiction, poetry and other creative works.

Dr. Morgan has also produced a highly-anticipated historical fiction novel set 140 years before the first documented encounter between Chickasaws and Europeans. The novel is scheduled for release in the fall.

A new website complete with an online store is expected soon.

The Chickasaw Press has earned 16 awards for the 25 books it has published, in addition to awards earned this year.

For more information about the Chickasaw Press visit www.ChickasawPress.com or phone (580) 436-7282.

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This month on CNTV

• **CNTV traveled to Sulphur to get a first look at the inaugural Artesian Arts Festival.** The festival featured the work of artists, musicians, live entertainers and more.

• **Camp season is here!** For the next few months, young Chickasaws are participating in a variety of youth camps. Experience the sights and sounds of a fun-filled summer on CNTV.

• **Last month, Chickasaw families came together for the Chickasaw reunion.** The two-day event was full of fun for the entire family. Watch for highlights this month on CNTV!

….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

Commerce Secretary Bill Lance honored as ECU Distinguished Alumnus

Bill Lance, Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce, center, receives the 2014 East Central University Distinguished Alumnus award from ECU President John Hargrave, left, and ECU Foundation official Elizabeth Vezina, right. The award was presented May 2.

ADA, Okla. – When Bill Lance was honored by the East Central University Foundation as a 2014 Distinguished Alumnus, the Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Commerce had many to thank for his success.

Named to the top leadership post at the Chickasaw Nation's business arm in April 2009, Mr. Lance joked his life's journey had been full of forks in the road. Unlike legendary Yankees catcher Yogi Berra, however, many great leaders and mentors were handy to help advise him about which forks to take.

He received a degree in nursing from East Central University and later earned a master's degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health.

He began his career with the Chickasaw Nation as administrator of its health system. Supervising more than 500 employees in satellite facilities and clinics located throughout the Chickasaw Nation, it was not long before he was taking on a multimillion project in Ada. Mr. Lance and his team, under the leadership of Governor Bill Anoatubby, began planning construction of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, a 370,000 square-foot facility serve Chickasaw and other Indian citizens.

"Bill Lance is very deserving of this recognition," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He has distinguished himself in his career by bringing a high level of skill, intelligence and imagination to his work. He is a tribute to East Central University. He continues to have a passion for his work and a desire to learn something new every day."

Gov. Anoatubby, Mr. Lance said, has been instrumental to his success.

"I'm not sure where I would be without the trust and leadership extended to me by Gov. Anoatubby," Mr. Lance told an overflow crowd in the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center on the ECU campus. He also singled out his family and many other Chickasaw Nation leaders who assisted his career through the years.

"I will say that ECU provided those first steps for me," Mr. Lance said. "Once a Tiger, always a Tiger!"

Mr. Lance's resume is extensive, not only in business but also in education, health care and leadership.

He serves on the Board of Regents for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma.

He also serves as a member of the board of directors of several other businesses and organizations, including Global Gaming Solutions, LLC; RSE Enterprises, Inc.; Chickasaw Nation Industries; Mercy Hospital Ada; and Valley View Regional Hospital Corporation. Mr. Lance is a Fellow of the American College of Health Care Executives and a member of Leadership Oklahoma Class XXIV.

He also holds several professional memberships, including American College of Health Care Executives, East Central Blood Institute board of directors, Children's Hospital Foundation board of directors, America Hospital Association and the Oklahoma Hospital Association.

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Gee named Justice General Counsel and Executive Officer

Debra Gee

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby recently appointed a longtime tribal attorney to a leadership position within the Chickasaw Nation.

Debra Gee, of Ada, was recently named General Counsel and Executive Officer for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Justice.

"Ms. Gee brings knowledge, extensive experience and excellent leadership skills to her new position," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She is well qualified to lead the Division of Justice, which provides vital consultation and services to departments throughout the Chickasaw Nation."

As full-time legal counsel for the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Justice provides legal support to the Chickasaw Nation executive branch. In addition, the Division of Justice prosecutes criminal and civil matters on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation in Chickasaw Nation District Court and performs probation case management for adult and juvenile offenders.

As General Counsel and Executive Officer of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Justice, Ms. Gee's responsibilities include overseeing the day-to-day operations of the division, as well as developing legal strategies for the Chickasaw Nation.

"I am honored and excited about serving the Chickasaw Nation and its people in this new role, Ms. Gee said.

"Having worked for the Nation for the past 12 years has given me the opportunity to assist various divisions and departments we serve and help with finding ways to do our jobs more effectively. I was given some advice by a mentor of mine who said 'whatever I do, I should remember I am doing it for Native people.' As an American Indian lawyer, I take this to heart every day."

Prior to this appointment, Ms. Gee had served as Deputy Attorney General and director of Chickasaw Nation Division of Justice since 2004.

Other work experience includes a stint at the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., where she served as deputy director of the Office of Tribal Justice and Tribal Legal Counsel for the Violence Against Women Office, Office of Justice Programs (now Office on Violence Against Women).

In addition, Ms. Gee previously worked at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Okmulgee, Okla., and DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc., Shiprock, New Mexico.

She currently serves on the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Section 904 Task Force. This panel advises OVW about current research on violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women in Indian Country. Ms. Gee was appointed to this panel by the U.S. Attorney General.

She has also served as a member of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program's Tribal Justice Advisory Group.

Ms. Gee earned her juris doctorate from Arizona State University College of Law and has bar memberships Chickasaw, Muscogee (Creek) and Navajo Nations tribal courts and in Oklahoma and New Mexico (inactive).

She is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and is also affiliated with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

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Neal appointed director of community development

Monica Neal

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby recently appointed a communications professional to a leadership position within the Chickasaw Nation Department of Communications and Community Development.

Monica Neal, of Ada, was appointed director of community development.

She is an accomplished professional with extensive leadership experience in the electric utility industry.

"Ms. Neal brings extensive experience, knowledge and skill to her new position," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We believe she will play an important role in our continuing efforts to serve the interests of the Chickasaw people and all our neighbors."

The Department of Community Development develops, enhances and maintains relationships and partnerships within communities and organizations across the Chickasaw Nation.

As director, Ms. Neal will work to facilitate communication among the Chickasaw Nation, surrounding communities and organizations.

Prior to her appointment, Ms. Neal worked more than 27 years for People's Electric Cooperative in Ada, and worked with the Chickasaw Nation on many development ventures.

"It's been my pleasure to work with the Chickasaw Nation on many projects during the past 15 years," she said. "To be given the opportunity to join this team of professional, caring individuals who strive to serve the Chickasaw people is a privilege. I am humbled and honored to have a small role in this mission and look forward to being involved in the communities across the Chickasaw Nation."

While working at PEC, Ms. Neal served in various roles, beginning as a part-time clerk in 1987. She was named senior vice president for corporate services in 2006. In this role, Ms. Neal provided supervision and direction for the organizational components of the Corporate Services Division, including public relations, government affairs, community and business development and human resources.

Ms. Neal is a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma Class XVI and currently serves on the organization's board of directors.

She served three terms as East Central University Alumni Association board chairman and is currently an active board member. She has also served in a variety of capacities for Ada Area Chamber of Commerce.

Other community service work includes serving on the Science and Natural Resources Foundation board, working with Oklahoma Business Week and Pontotoc County Career Discovery Day.

Ms. Neal is a member of Lion's Club of Ada and has served on boards for Tri-County Indian Nations Community Development Corporation, Ada Jobs Foundation and Mercy Hospital Ada Foundation.

An Ada native, Ms. Neal is a 1992 graduate of ECU, where she received the School of Business Distinguished Graduate Award and the 2013 Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Neal and her husband, Rob, reside in Ada. She has a son and daughter-in-law, Riley and Kesha Keith; a son, Conner Keith; a step-daughter and son-in-law, Taylor and Kody Booth; and a step-daughter, Maci Neal; and one grandson, Kix Booth.

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Heritage Preservation projects see growing budget

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *the Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending April 30, 2014

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $11.6 million for the month and $89.2 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $8.31 million for the month and $67.12 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through April totaled $626.67 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $151.7 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At April 30, 2014, the tribal government funds had $252.89 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $20.37 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $168.51 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of April 30, 2014, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.71 billion.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Seven Months Ended April 30, 2014

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$ 9,868,110	715,868,838	725,736,948
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	89,202,944	(89,202,944)	-
Total funds available	99,071,054	626,665,894	725,736,948
Expenditures			
General government	3,424,038		3,424,038
Legislature	1,583,411		1,583,411
Judiciary	671,236		671,236
Education	12,907,625		12,907,625
Heritage Preservation	9,610,666		9,610,666
Health	11,377,673		11,377,673
Youth Services	1,947,664		1,947,664
Family Services	4,953,930		4,953,930
Nutrition Programs	3,513,314		3,513,314
Regulatory	5,561,025		5,561,025
Assistance Programs	11,578,855		11,578,855
Gaming expense		409,705,784	409,705,784
Other businesses' expense		154,416,921	154,416,921
Total expenditures	67,129,437	564,122,705	631,252,142
Increase in net assets	31,941,617	62,543,189	94,484,806
Beginning net assets	697,884,311	922,218,076	1,620,102,387
Ending net assets	$ 729,825,928	984,761,265	1,714,587,193

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
April 30,2014

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$ 252,894,255	168,508,765	421,403,020
Receivables	25,446,391	68,505,001	93,951,392
Inventory	11,732	8,125,265	8,136,997
Prepaid expenses	-	17,255,466	17,255,466
Other Assets	-	1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets	454,466,475	855,092,779	1,309,559,254
Less payables	(2,992,925)	(133,928,511)	(136,921,436)
Net Assets	$ 729,825,928	984,761,265	1,714,587,193

Blackwell, Digby, Mitchell, Hampton, Wolf honored

Five inducted into Hall of Fame at May 1 Riverwind event

Governor Bill Anoatubby recently inducted five new members into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Inductees include the late Charles W. Blackwell, Irene Digby, Marvin Mitchell, Dr. James W, Hampton and Silas Wolf, Jr. Jonathan Blackwell and Geoffrey Blackwell accepted the honor in behalf of their father. Back row, from left, Gov. Anoatubby, Jonathan Blackwell, Dr. James W. Hampton, Marvin Mitchell, Geoffrey Blackwell, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel. Front row from left, Silas Wolf, Jr. and Irene Digby.

NORMAN, Okla., – From the Chickasaw Nation Ambassador who helped hundreds of Native Americans gain acceptance into law school to a former attorney turned tutor, education was a common thread connecting five Chickasaws inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Induction ceremonies were May 1 at Riverwind Showplace Theater in Norman.

The 2014 Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees include the late Chickasaw Ambassador Charles W. Blackwell, Irene L. Digby, Marvin E. Mitchell, Dr. James Wilburn Hampton and Silas C. Wolf, Jr.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said each of the inductees had an impact on many, many lives.

"Each of our inductees, past and present, serve as an inspiration to us all," Gov. Anoatubby said. "They remind us that with hard work, determination and perseverance, anything is possible. They also prove that a single person can do extraordinary things."

Ambassador Charles William Blackwell served as Chickasaw Nation ambassador to the United States of America. He was the first ambassador from any Native American tribal government.

"Charles Blackwell served as a champion for our tribe," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He embodied the best qualities of a diplomat in serving as our first ambassador to the United States. He gave our people a voice in one of the highest levels of government. In addition to serving his own tribe, he was an advocate for all Native Americans. He left a legacy of strong support for Native American economic development and education."

In 1972, Mr. Blackwell earned a law degree from the University of New Mexico School of Law. A few years later, Mr. Blackwell was simultaneously appointed assistant dean and adjunct professor at that same university. In these positions, he helped open doors and remove obstacles for more than 700 Native Americans and Alaska Natives to help them gain entrance into law schools across the United States.

A man who labored his entire life to improve the overall quality of life for all Native American people, Mr. Blackwell helped shape students in business, law, economics and Indian affairs. He also helped shape federal policy toward tribes and Native Americans through testimony before the U.S. Congress and by using the art of persuasion. He served as ambassador from 1995 until his death in 2013.

Irene Lois Pettigrew Digby can often be found sharing Indian tales and teaching Chickasaw ways to children at Davis (OK) Public Schools. The 92-year-old matriarch strives to keep Chickasaw culture and heritage flourishing by sharing her knowledge with all generations.

"Irene Digby finds strength in her heritage and in sharing it with those around her," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She is a strong defender of our language, and continues to be both a student and a teacher. For decades, Mrs. Digby has nurtured the very root of what makes Chickasaw people so strong - and that is our families. She fully represents the honor and wisdom we celebrate in our revered elders."

Mrs. Digby passes on her well-known traditional Pashofa recipe to other cooks. Parents in the community consult with Mrs. Digby to find Chickasaw names for their children, a tradition she established with her own children and grandchildren.

Marvin Mitchell was one of the first students to attend college on the State of Oklahoma Indian Scholarship Program administered by former Chickasaw Gov. Overton James.

Mr. Mitchell was selected by Gov. Anoatubby to serve on the Chickasaw Nation Industries Board of Directors in 1998. He is the sole remaining original board member of CNI.

"As a young man, Marvin Mitchell committed himself to earning an education," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He spent much of his life putting what he learned to good use paving the way for many economic efforts of our tribe. As an original board member of Chickasaw Nation Industries, he has been instrumental in its growth.

"He also served his state. He retired as a Master Sergeant after serving for 34 years in the Oklahoma National Guard..."

Mr. Mitchell served more than 30 years within the U.S. Department of Labor, as administration officer for a five-state region, as well as a wage and hour investigator in the Ada field office. He also served as the federal liaison to the Oklahoma Governor's office for the U.S. Department of Labor and the Oklahoma Employment Agency.

Dr. James W. Hampton has committed a large portion of his life's work to addressing the special health care needs of minority groups, including Native Americans.

Presently a medical oncologist/hematologist at Mercy Clinic in Oklahoma City, Dr. Hampton was awarded the American Cancer Society Humanitarian award in 1999 for his leadership role in addressing minority groups' health care needs and for his passionate support of the underserved.

"Dr. James Hampton is truly a Chickasaw medical warrior," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He is a reminder that we have talented Chickasaws representing our tribe in nearly every field. Dr. Hampton is a great example of the Chickasaw drive to succeed and do our best in whatever we choose to do."

Because of his dedication to Native Americans, Dr. Hampton has led the way in conducting studies of the impact of cancer among Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

Silas Wolf Jr., a devoted Chickasaw educator, was honored as "Male Elder of the Year" by the National Indian Education Association in 2012.

Mr. Wolf received the prestigious award for his work with Native students in his role as Indian Education tutor and mentor at Norman (OK) Public Schools.

"Silas Wolf Junior chose to be a lawyer by trade. After many years of practice, he decided to follow his dream of educating young people," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He began a new chapter as a tutor for Norman public schools in the Indian education program. He continues to be an advocate of Native American education, and educate young people on tribal sovereignty."

As an educator, Mr. Wolf is following in the footsteps of his grandfather, the late Key Wolf, a Chickasaw from Davis, Okla., who was a leader in Indian education.

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Recognized for lodging quality, media coverage

Tribe's Artesian Hotel, Riverwind Hotel win Oklahoma RedBud Awards

From left, Nichlous Starns, Artesian Area General Manager; Justin Williams, Artesian Casino Manager; Cynthia Hines, Chickasaw Visitors Center general manager; Rhonda Mordecai, Sole'renity Spa manager; Myka Lefler, Artesian administrative assistant; Tiffany Bigbie, Artesian Hotel, Casino and Spa Sales Manager; Bryce Chitwood, Artesian Hotel and Spa General Manager; Joshua Jennings, Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center General Manager.

From left, Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb, Riverwind Hotel General Manager Bryan Davis, Riverwind Hotel Assistant General Manager Ronnie Krodel, Riverwind Hotel Account Manager Aliciamarie Riley, and "Discover Oklahoma" host Jenifer Reynolds.

The Chickasaw Nation recently received top honors from the Oklahoma State Department of Tourism and the Oklahoma Travel Industry for its promotion and management of Sulphur's elegant and historic Artesian Hotel, Casino and Spa.

The Chickasaw Nation received two RedBud Awards for The Artesian Hotel, Casino and Spa: for Outstanding Media Coverage in Newspapers and Magazines and for Outstanding Lodging Property. In addition, the Chickasaw Nation's Riverwind Hotel won a Merit Award for Outstanding Lodging Property.

Hosted by Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb and "Discover Oklahoma" host Jenifer Reynolds, The prestigious honors were announced May 13 during the annual RedBud Award ceremonies at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City.

RedBud Awards are based on applications submitted in 16 tourism categories and recognizes the importance of tourism to the national and local economies.

Direct travel expenditures in Oklahoma generate more than $6.2 billion for the state's economy annually and support jobs for 74,900 residents.

These wins are just the latest RedBud recognitions for the Chickasaw Nation. In 2013, the Chickasaw Nation received RedBud Awards for Best Brochure or Publication for the Chickasaw Cultural Center coloring book and Best Social Media Campaign for Chickasaw Country. ChickasawCountry.com also received a Merit Award for Best Website. The Chickasaw Nation was honored with a RedBud award from its ChickasawKids.com educational coloring booklet designed by Chickasaw illustrator Ryan Ringle. In 2012, the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur won a RedBud Award for Best New Attraction.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Chickasaw Nation Legislative Finance Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the Consolidated Tribal Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at the Legislative Building, 801 North Mississippi Ave., Ada, Oklahoma, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Legislative Office in Ada.

Any Chickasaw citizen may address the Finance Committee at the hearings; provided, the citizen may speak only if he has notified Committee Chair Toby Perkins in writing of his desire to speak and provides an agenda. A citizen may speak for up to 10 minutes. Chickasaw citizens may also present written comments, recommendations, information or questions at those meetings, provided, those written comments are presented to Committee Chair Toby Perkins prior to the hearing's commencement.

The meetings shall be held in accordance with Title 10, Section 10-201.6 and following of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The Chickasaw Nation Code can be located at www.Chickasaw.net.

Two-time ACC Diver of the Year

Chickasaw diver strives to make family, coach and tribe proud of her

Kaylea Arnett

Very few 21-year-old college juniors could boast of a successful 12-year career. Kaylea Arnett could, but she's not the kind to boast.

Ms. Arnett, a Chickasaw and two-time All-American diver at Virginia Tech, is the kind to think of others first.

Asked about her recent accomplishments, which include twice being named Atlantic Coast Conference Women's Diver of the Year, Ms. Arnett said "I always strive to make my family, my coach, and my tribe proud."

She has consistently accomplished that goal since she first began training at the U.S. Diving Regional Training Center at Oklahoma City Community College in 2001. It would be difficult to tell her story without numbers, and for Ms. Arnett, the numbers add up to an amazing career in the sport she has practiced for more than half her young life.

Five gold medals earned during her three years as a diver at Virginia Tech only add to the impressive list of more than 50 first-place finishes in a career which started when she was only nine years old.

She advanced quickly and by age 10, she was the youngest diver to qualify for the U.S. team that traveled to the Junior Pan American Games in Belem, Brazil. In her first international competition there she earned bronze medals in the 1-meter and in the platform competition.

Since that time, she has earned nine Junior National Championships. She and her partner Michelle Cabassol also earned gold medals in the Synchronized Women Platform event at the USA Diving National Championships in 2013.

Ms. Arnett also took part in the 2012 Olympic Diving Trials. She won two gold medals and a bronze in the 2007 Junior Pan American Championships as well as two bronze medals at the 2005 Pan American Championships. Those are simply the highlights, because she has earned accolades far too numerous to mention here.

She finished her junior year at Virginia Tech as a three-time Atlantic Coast Conference Diver of the year.

Ms. Arnett's coach, Ron Piemonte, has high praise for her.

"In my opinion, Kaylea's amazing performances at the ACC Championships, coupled with a third-place finish and two other Honorable Mention All-American honors at NCAAs, makes her undoubtedly the most worthy candidate for this honor," Piemonte said. "I am very proud of Kaylea's accomplishments this year and I am thrilled she achieved this title."

This year, Ms. Arnett also won her third ACC Most Valuable Diver Award, becoming only the third female in history to win the award three times.

"Being the ACC Most Valuable Diver is a great feeling, but the experience is worth more than the trophies," she said.

Earlier this year, Ms. Arnett captured the bronze medal in the 1-meter diving event at the NCAA Women's Championships in March. That highest-ever finish in the event in school history helped earn her All-American honors for the second time in her college career.

"I am extremely proud of Kaylea's performance today," Head Diving Coach Ron Piemonte said at the time. "It was a pressure cooker of a final and she remained calm and competed very well throughout. We are thrilled for her to get the highest NCAA finish in program history!"

Ms. Arnett said that she enjoyed diving as part of a team.

"Diving is a unique sport in that it is an individual sport but we are also a team," she said. "We are all watching and cheering for each other but still doing our best to focus on our own performances as well. It's nice to know that you are not the only one who is nervous. We are all in the same boat together and we all support each other through the good dives and the bad dives."

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Chickasaw kayaker to compete in Junior World Championships in July

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Szeged, Hungary marks the place a 16-year-old Chickasaw youth will compete internationally for the first time.

Situated near the border of Serbia and Romania, Szeged is a long way from Chickasaw Country. But the trip will shine an international spotlight on a Chickasaw whose dream is to become a U.S. Olympic athlete.

Joshua Turner, of Mustang, Okla., and his teammate Dylan Puckett will compete in the 200-meter two-man kayak event at the 2014 International Canoe Federation July 17-23. They will be competing in the Canoe Sprint Junior World Championships.

"Joshua has come a long way in a relatively short time since he first began paddling in 2011 as part of the Chickasaw Nation Canoe/Kayak Program," Shaun Caven, director of canoe/kayak and head coach of the OKC Riversport Team, said.

The Chickasaw Nation has partnered with OKC Riversport to create the Chickasaw canoe/kayak program. The tribe underwrites the program for Chickasaw youth, such as Joshua, to participate in summer camps, lessons and OKC Riversport youth kayaking team.

"It's very encouraging to see how well he and Dylan are doing to be heading to junior worlds, and demonstrates to our younger athletes and incoming team members they have everything they need here to succeed if they put in the effort," Mr. Caven said.

"Without the support of the Chickasaw Nation, Joshua wouldn't have started kayaking, and he wouldn't be preparing to compete at the junior world championship," Joshua's father Jerry Turner said. "We're so proud and so blessed to be Chickasaw.

"When you have a child excel in sports it's a wonderful feeling. Being 16 years old and having the opportunity to compete for the USA is not something he could have done with baseball."

Joshua's enjoyment of kayaking stems from his desire to improve and his camaraderie with his teammate.

"When I first tried kayaking, the sport really clicked for me and I thought 'Hey, I might be good at this,'" Joshua said. "It feels good to be on the water; to feel the sensation of the water splashing you. I see water in a different way now. Every body of water I see, I wonder how fast I can kayak across it."

The more time Joshua spends in a kayak, the faster he gets. He went from a ninth place finish at the USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint National Championships in 2012, to third place at nationals in 2013, to qualifying for the national team in just eight months.

"Dylan and I have already gone faster in the two-person boat than he and his partner did last year, and we're shooting to improve on that, to bring home a medal," Joshua said. "Kayaking means you're not just out there doing it for yourself, you're trying to do your best for your partner, too.

"I'm so glad for this opportunity. Without the sponsors of this program, I don't think I'd be where I am now. I can't thank the Chickasaw Nation enough."

"When we began the Chickasaw canoe/kayak program we knew it was possible to see Chickasaw youth making strides toward the Olympic podium," Mike Knopp, executive director of the Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation said. "We're extremely proud of all of our athletes, and to have Joshua and Dylan represent the USA at international competition this year is so gratifying to everyone who's believed in and supported the development of the Boathouse District and the Oklahoma River."

Josh Turner, third from left, with his grandmother JoAnn Howard, his father Jerry Turner, and Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Joshua's partner is returning for his second junior world meet and is excited to compete with his OKC teammate.

"I remember seeing Joshua kayaking a few years ago and I noticed right away he had really good technique," teammate Dylan Puckett said. "In the past, I've been partnered with athletes from another club, which meant we had limited practice time together before international competition. Joshua and I will be training together from now until July, and our boat gets a little better, a little faster, after every practice session. I'm looking forward to seeing what we can do together."

"Joshua's mother and I have enjoyed seeing him mature into such a responsible, respecting young man and we believe he's learning so much of that from his coaches and the athletes he trains with each day," Mr. Turner said. "We're extremely proud of him and look forward to watching him get better and better and become a contender for the Olympic Games."

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Joshua Turner, left, and Dylan Puckett racing at the USA Canoe/Kayak Sprint National Team Trials in Oklahoma City April 26.

Chickasaw middle schooler making his mark in national archery competition

Caleb Griffin Mull

Chickasaw Caleb Griffin Mull first picked up a compound bow about five years ago. He carefully notched the arrow, felt the bow's torque and let the arrow fly.

The arrow hit the mark and pierced Caleb's love for archery.

From that moment, the 13-year-old targeted a mantra of "practice makes perfect" and set out to the best archer in his southwest Oklahoma hometown of Lawton.

First introduced to the sport by a P.E. teacher in elementary school, Caleb can now connect archery and its importance to his heritage.

"When I am shooting my bow, it is like in history when the older Chickasaws used a bow for hunting, we just have more equipment, Caleb said.

He learned the difference in the equipment thanks in part to a spring-break visit to the Chickasaw Cultural Center, said his mother, Erin.

"He got to shoot a bow in the Living Village," she said.

At first, the arrow only flew about three feet and landed well short of the target and he was perplexed.

"He kept practicing with the primitive bow until he could make the arrow go farther," Mrs. Hull chuckled.

"Caleb has discovered his sports niche, and we are thankful to the Chickasaw Nation for its support," Mrs. Hull said. "I am truly thankful for the tribe. They have helped my family so much with education services and much more. I am grateful."

This year, Caleb and his MacArthur Middle School archery teammates qualified to compete at the National Archery Tournament conducted in Louisville, Ky., last month.

"It was a fun experience for me," the well-mannered seventh-grader said. "It was one of the most fun things I've done throughout my life. There were thousands of students there from around the country."

After the three-day competition, Caleb ended the tournament ranked 83rd of 2,477 archers in the middle school boys division, and 284th of 5,734 overall.

His team ranked 123rd of 197 in the middle school division.

During archery tournaments, a coed team of 16 archers are scored on six rounds, three at 10 meters and three at 15 meters. A perfect score is 300.

With one National Tournament under his belt, Caleb has one thing on his mind: keep practicing to get a shot at returning to Nationals again next year.

"More competitions give me challenges," he said.

His ultimate goal is to compete at the Olympics someday.

For now, he will keep on practicing.

"My friends and I practice together and compete with each other," he said. "It is a lot of fun."

Caleb is the great-grandson of John and Barbara Griffin of Indiahoma, Okla., and the late Clyde and Imogene Griffin. His parents are John and Erin Mull, Lawton.

Some of Caleb's other recent tournament results include:

Kiwanis Invitational: First place, seventh grade male and overall high score male, and first place – team.

Comanche Invitational: First place, seventh grade male, third overall high score male and first place – team.

Eastside Bulls-Eye-Bash: First place, seventh grade male, third overall high score male and first place – team

Oklahoma Regionals Tournament: Eighth place, team ranked 16 Male in region six.

Oklahoma State Tournament: 19th place male, eighth place team.

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There are plenty of ways your legislator can help you, regardless of where you live across the country!

You know about most of the great things we are doing as a tribe. We offer the very best health care, education, housing, culture and other programs in the U.S. We work hard to look out for you and make sure you are receiving all the help you need to make a great life.

And I am convinced there is so much more we can do!

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I'm particularly interested in our At-Large Chickasaws who now live in every state in the country. That is really amazing!

My challenge as your legislator is to bring all the great things our tribe has to offer straight to you. No matter where you live, no matter what your job is or what your life situation is, my job is to help you!

I see lots of possibilities for new and expanded At-Large programs. I want to hear your ideas. If you live outside the Chickasaw Nation – in Oklahoma City or Dallas or Los Angeles or Phoenix, or anywhere – let me know what you are thinking. It's important to me!

I want to keep our tribe on the right track and build on the great things we have achieved. I love working hand in hand with Gov. Anoatubby on new initiatives that properly serve citizens. Gov. Anoatubby is a great partner and I look forward to working with him as we reach out across the country and embrace our Chickasaw people!

It is a real privilege to serve as your Pickens District legislator. I love my job because you have blessed me with the ability to help all Chickasaw people. I never know who I will meet as I encounter Chickasaws across the country. But I know we are all tied by a common culture and that bond is forever.

Thank you for your faith in me. I pledge to keep pushing on your behalf for all the great things our tribe has to offer. Please call, write or email anytime! I look forward to hearing from you.

You can make a positive difference in the lives of others with a great service project in your community

Chukma!

We recently celebrated Memorial Day and will soon be celebrating Independence Day. I'd like to honor our fallen heroes and veterans and demonstrate how serving your state or community can be very rewarding.

Memorial Day was originally called Decoration Day. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. We have been celebrating this holiday since 1868, when it was officially proclaimed by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Our past and present service men and women dedicated their lives to protecting and serving our great Nation when they made the life-changing decision to serve. I am privileged to have two veterans in my family: my husband, Bruce, who served during Desert Storm and my father-in-law, Ray Hammond, who retired from service in 1988, having served in Vietnam and several tours overseas.

SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Serving your state or community is also very important and rewarding. If you are not sure how or where to serve, here are a few tips in making that decision.

1. Choose according to your passions. You can choose something that coincides with your personal goals, such as medicine, art, education, nutrition, childcare, etc.

2. Encourage friends to participate with you. Your friendships could be strengthened through the experience.

3. Embrace your project as a way to make new friends.

4. Participate in a community service project as a way of helping your mental health. It's a great way to boost your self-esteem by doing for others.

5. Choose a role in your service project that will help you learn new skills.

If you are unsure of where to start your service project, your church can be a great resource. Many churches offer both local and international trips.

I recently had the privilege of talking to a group of Cub Scouts in Ardmore, ranging from third to fifth grade. I spoke to them about the Chickasaw Nation and some of our traditions. These young men have decided, at very early ages, to dedicate their lives to service to their community. From their Scouting experience, many of them will continue to serve their community and even their country for years to come.

God blesses those who are kind to the poor. He helps them out of their troubles. He protects them and keeps them alive; He publicly honors them and destroys the power of their enemies. ~Psalms 41:1,2

'People of Oklahoma' handprints offer wonderful connection to those who have gone before us

Heads up! There will be plenty of action during the month of June. The election process for Chickasaw Nation will be in full swing. Candidates enroll the first three days of the month and then spend the rest of June and July campaigning. They want YOUR VOTE. Please take the time to participate in this very important event. Don't expect all of candidates to call you. Remember, candidates are not given phone numbers for Chickasaw citizens. Therefore, it is impossible to reach all voters by phone, so instead why not give the candidates a call? A good visit will help you decide how to cast your ballot.

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Recently, Carl and Tandy Barnett shared some interesting information about one of our local cemeteries located in Yarnaby, Okla. The Potts Family donated the land with the understanding that it would be a free cemetery. As of to date, there are over 50 Chickasaw Citizens resting here. This cemetery is still used today. As with many of our county cemeteries, maintenance and upkeep are a continuing challenge. They rely solely on donations. I have included a list of some of our Chickasaws who are buried here. You might see some of your family members! Any donations or volunteer work would be appreciated. Contact Mr. Carl Barnett, President of the Yarnaby Cemetery Association. 4332 Sheco Rd. Hendrix, Ok. 74741. Phone (580) 285-2174.

Father's Day is this month. Fathers are important and play a key role in furthering the legacy of the family. One such man, who played an important role not only in his family but also in serving his country, was Mr. Martin C. Stick. Martin, a full blood Chickasaw, was born January 8, 1923 to Maggie and Emerson Stick, in Owl Creek, Oklahoma. During his lifetime, Mr. Stick was a farmer, bow and stickball maker and military man. He was a prisoner of war during World War II.

Mr. Stick was asked to be a representative for the exhibit "People of Oklahoma" at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of History, near the OU Campus in Norman, OK. One wall of the museum is covered in handprints from 26 of the 39 federally represented Tribes of Oklahoma. Martin's handprint is on this wall and his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren take great pride in touching their Great Papaw's hand each time they visit the museum. Martin died January 13, 2003 at the age of 80. He is buried at Steedmon Cemetery, near Kullihoma where he lived as a child. Happy Fathers Day to all of you awesome men!

"Grandchildren are the crown of old men, And the glory of children are their fathers."

Proverbs 17:6

Beth Alexander

Cade Stick Smith, touching hands with his great-grandfather Martin C Stick.

Chickasaws Buried at Yarnaby Cemetery

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Henry C Perry
Thomas Sheco
Sallie Sheco
Annie EF Sheco
Robert H Sheco
Maddie L Perry
Baby Boy Perry
Mary A Perry
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Shamilla Barnett
John Cravens Jr
Alice D Cravens
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Infant Sheco
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Baby Boy Beshirs
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Micah Barnett
Bobby Beshirs
Margaret Cravens
Bernice Mansell Hicks

Coming up is important time for Chickasaw voters to cast ballots and make their choices

Hello Everyone,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well!

Last month, we discussed the upcoming Chickasaw election season. We've discussed voter registration and how much the Chickasaw Nation needs you to vote!

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As Chickasaws, one of the most important things we can do is vote. It is the only sure way for us to determine who our leaders are and the only sure way we have to hold those leaders accountable.

In this last article leading up to the election, I want to lay out the timeline for the election process so that you can mark your calendars, know what to expect and when to expect it.

First, the filing period for all offices is June 2-4. After 4 p.m. on the 4th, all candidates will be known and the game will be afoot. Really, though, it is not a game. It is our future at stake. Therefore, it is important to be informed about the candidates, their motivation for wanting the office and their past. The best indicator we have about a candidate's future is their past.

In preparing to vote, I suggest reviewing the incumbent's attendance and voting records. Those records can be found in *the Chickasaw Times*' reports of the legislative sessions. While the length of time between legislative sessions and *the Chickasaw Times*' reports of those sessions varies, there is generally a report of a previous session in each edition of *the Times* that gives the resolutions addressed which legislators were present, which were absent and how each voted. A quick review of a few editions of *the Times* will reveal patterns of attendance and voting alliances.

Next, compare the campaign literature you receive with the attendance and voting records published in *the Times*. This comparison will help you see through the fog of campaign literature to determine which candidate will most likely vote to represent the interests of you, your families and your communities, even when integrity calls for voting independently of the group.

Talk to family, friends and people you trust about the candidates and their experiences with the candidates.

Also, call the candidates and then compare your conversation with their voting records published in *the Times*

Additionally, know your vote is private. You don't have to tell anyone how you vote and no one can know how you vote, no matter what you may have heard.

On June 30, ballots are sent to voters residing outside the contiguous 48 states.

On July 14, the ballots will be mailed to all voters from Albuquerque and arrive to most voters a few days later.

July 29 is the last day for receiving ballots at the Ada, Oklahoma Post Office. To be valid, ballots have to be received before 10:30 a.m. on the 29th.

Then, at 11 a.m. that same day, ballot counting begins!

The time is near and the stakes are high. Your informed vote is vital to the future of the Chickasaw Nation. Please vote and please vote responsibly.

Respectfully,

Katie

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Our tribal training, education and development programs are available to help Chickasaws live great lives!

Chokma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

With the school year coming to an end and many of our youth busy with summer jobs, camps, academies and internships, I would like to take a moment to spotlight a few of our many valuable programs that enhance many of our citizens' lives.

TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Career Technology program assists many of our part-time and full-time Chickasaw students who attend a state- or nationally-accredited career technology or vocational technology center. The program can also help students who pursue higher education or training online, at a trade school, at a private training center or specialty school, and will receive a professional certification or licenses upon completion of the program. Many of these students are training for careers in high demand positions such as nursing, in the oil and gas industry or in the automotive industry. Still other Chickasaws are utilizing this benefit to study pharmacy, engineering or law. By helping these Chickasaws reach for higher career goals, we are ultimately benefiting our entire tribe. This program is available to all Chickasaw citizens. For more information, contact the Education Department at (580) 421-7711.

The Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation program provides a vital service by assisting Chickasaws and other Native Americans with disabilities, who live within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries, enter the world of employment or return to suitable employment.

These individuals work with a Chickasaw Nation vocational rehabilitation counselor to design and implement an individual development plan, once eligibility has been confirmed.

Once employment is secure, these Chickasaw citizens provide a valuable contribution to their new place of employment and, in turn, enhance their own lives.

There is also a program designed to help Chickasaw citizens with disabilities, called the "Special Needs Assistance for Chickasaw citizens with Disabilities."

This program assists Chickasaw citizens with special needs by providing a yearly reimbursement of up to $500 for participation in extracurricular activities, such as Special Olympics. It is available for qualified applicants who live in the boundaries and at-large.

For more information about these programs, please call (580) 421-7711 or visit www.chickasaw.net/vocrehab.

Another important education program, the Adult Learning program, provides academic assistance to Chickasaw citizens who did not complete high school and would like to earn their General Equivalency Development (G.E.D) diploma. It is also available to citizens who live inside and outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

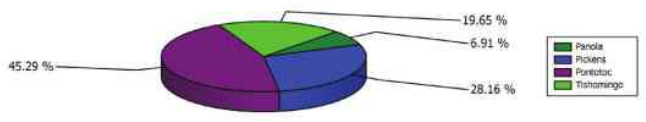
Have a wonderful and productive summer.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Chokma'shki,
Tim Colbert
Tim.Colbert@chickasaw.net (580) 421-7242

Count of Voters by District

Panola	2,050	Pontotoc	13,446
Pickens	8,359	Tishomingo	5,833
			29,688



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Chickasaw kids doing great things with our language; super time with friends at Chikasha Ittifama!

Chukma, Chinchukma, Hello, how are you?

Congratulations to all our Chickasaw graduates! We are all very proud of you for completing a milestone.

Congratulations also to our Chipota Chikashshanompoli, our Children's Language Club, for taking first place in the 6th through 8th grade Large Group Modern Song category at the 12th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair recently held at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman, Oklahoma.

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Congratulations to Noah Hinson for taking third place in the Book & Literature category, first place in the Skateboard Art category, and first place in the Poster Art category; and to Isabella McGinley for second place in the Skateboard Art category; and to Ezra Johnson for second place in the 9th through 12th grade Individual Spoken Language category. We are so proud of all our children who are devoting their time to learning the Chickasaw language. It takes many hours of hard work and practice to learn a language, so they deserve all our respect and praise.

This last weekend, it was my extreme pleasure to attend the Chikasha Ittifama, Chickasaw Reunion, held at Kullihoma. The grounds were beautiful. Thank you to all the workers and volunteers who made the entire weekend a success. Thank you to all the people who cooked the delicious traditional meal of salt pork, fry bread, pashofa, and grape dumplings. Yum!

The activities were well planned, and I know the kids and adults had lots of fun and learned lots about our culture. Every year, I love to watch the Corn Stalk Shoot, and every year I am amazed at the accuracy and improvement of our shooters. Congratulations to Wayne Scribner for winning first place in the Corn Stalk Shoot, Tim Cornelius for winning second, and Matt Scribner for winning third. It was great to see new people shooting for the first time.

I hope to see many of you as I am out and about visiting the Community Councils. If you don't have a Community Council near you, and you would like to inquire about getting one started, you can call the Chickasaw Community Outreach Program at (580) 332-1165.

Hope you have a great month with plenty of rain to grow your garden! Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,
Nancy
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Health care managers available to At-Large citizens, elders for program information

Chickasaw citizens living outside the tribal boundaries or Chickasaw elders over age 60 can access Tribal Health Resource Management Case Managers at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. These managers are available to answer questions regarding Chickasaw Nation health programs.

At-Large Chickasaw Citizens (all age groups)

If you are a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries and would like more information on Chickasaw Nation Department of Health programs and services, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager at (800) 851-9136, ext. 61097.

Chickasaw Elders Age 60 and Older

If you are a Chickasaw elder over the age of 60, and live within tribal boundaries, contact Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at (800) 851-9136, ext. 80110.

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Homelands trip reinforces the tremendous hardships suffered by our ancestors during Removal

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. I told you last month that April was the busiest month since December. Well, May was even busier!

Several Legislators and guests took a week-long bus tour of our homelands in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. We were blessed to have Charles Tate as our guide and commentator to explain the many points of interest. All along the way Chickasaws saw us and approached us to talk. The bus is wonderful, but very tiring, and I can only imagine the hardships our ancestors endured when they walked and rode horseback and wagons. The trip took us five days but would have taken them months. The hardships that they endured prove what a strong and great people they were and how proud we should be of their accomplishments.

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

May also was filled with Community Council meetings and graduations from Head Start, high schools and colleges. The Chickasaw Reunion was held in May.

I received an email from June Wideman, of Abilene, Texas, who told me of her mother Trudy Dickerson. June shared a picture of a pillow that was made by needlepoint by Trudy long ago. Trudy Adcock Yarborough Dickerson was born March 24, 1902 to Albert and Virginia Adcock. Her Chickasaw roll number is 3321. Trudy was very talented and made pillows, quilts and all things crocheted. She was also an artist who worked in pastels and oils. June remembers her mother's love for the Chickasaw people and her heritage. Trudy passed on October 31, 1992 in Abilene. The pillow, which is well preserved and still very lovely, might be donated to the Chickasaw Nation some day in memory of her mother Trudy.

Trudy Dickerson

I thought of my mother on Mothers' Day in May. I imagine you all did, too. Thank you, June, for sharing your memories.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

We have come a long way together as Chickasaws, and there are still many opportunities before us!

Working for the Chickasaw people has been my mission since I was a Chickasaw Nation Community Health Representative. I started my CHR job almost 40 years ago, and I still love serving Chickasaws!

Over the years, we have together built a very strong tribe that offers so many opportunities. We are very blessed to be Chickasaws. But I know there is still much to do on behalf of those I serve!

DEAN MCMANUS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Many of us recall the days when virtually all Chickasaw families struggled even to have the basic needs of life. Those were challenging times, but we came through that long, deep valley because we stuck together as Chickasaw people and cared for each other. There wasn't a lot to go around, but everyone did whatever they could.

Today, the Chickasaw Nation is recognized as a "getting things done" tribe. We are a people who work hard, work smart and continue to be committed to each other.

That "Chickasaw connection" is so important. No matter where you live, work and raise your family, always remember you are Chickasaw and you are part of a unique and wonderful culture. As your legislator, I am here to help you whenever you need me. You have a direct line to me, and I want you to feel free to use it!

We have traveled a long way together, and there is a great future before us. I am here to help you build up your connection with your tribe, and benefit from all the great things our tribe has to offer.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you!

Chihowa Holitopli,
Dean McManus

Chickasaw Nation Judicial Department news

Graduations; court advocate services; summer court camp; Chickasaw Bar Association seminar

CHERI BELLEFEUILLE-GORDON

Chief Justice Supreme Court

Chukma! What an exciting month May 2014 has been for the Judicial Branch.

On a personal level, I would like to share with you the happiness and pride my family has experienced with the graduation of my cousin, Skip Seeley, 1/4 Chickasaw. Skip graduated from Southern Methodist University in Dallas on May 17 with a Master's in Business Administration. Skip has worked for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce since 2001 and is currently the Vice President of Gaming Operations for Global Gaming Solutions, LLC. Skip is a graduate of Sulphur High School and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma. Skip's proud father, Larry Seeley, and family were present at his graduation ceremony. Our family is so proud of Skip and takes great pride in his accomplishments. Skip truly is an outstanding Chickasaw citizen.

Has everyone had the opportunity to see the Piominko statue that now stands proudly in front of our Chickasaw Nation Historical Capitol? I was proud to attend the unveiling on April 28, 2014. Mr. Enoch Kelley Haney designed the statue and was present at the unveiling. He did a wonderful job of depicting Piominko, a great leader. I hope everyone will have a chance to see the statute. I believe you will feel a renewed sense of pride in our ancestors.

On May 1, 2014, Justice Mark Colbert and his wife, Kim; District Judge Dustin Rowe and his family; and I attended the Hall of Fame Banquet. This was a wonderful night to see the inductees receive their medallions and plaques along with their families. If you have an opportunity please visit the Honor's Garden at the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. This is where the inductees will be displayed for all to see.

On May 2, 2014, I attended the Chickasaw Nation Headstart parent banquet. It was a very exciting night. Congratulations to the students and parents for a successful year. The Headstart is an excellent program for our young children. Several awards were given to the parents for an outstanding job in volunteering and helping to further their children's education through the Headstart program.

On May 15, 2014, I attended the Sulphur Headstart graduation to congratulate the 20 graduating students. My wish for you is success in your endeavors and may all of your dreams come true. If any of you have an opportunity to read to a child or to volunteer in your community, I hope you will make that commitment. I would recommend volunteering to everyone.

DISTRICT COURT

The Chickasaw Nation court advocates assisted a total of 80 citizens in the month of April. Kymberly Cravatt is available at the Ada office. Advocate Michael Smith is available for appointments in Ada, Purcell and Ardmore. The court advocate services are available at no cost to the citizens. The advocates will prepare the necessary paperwork for the citizen; however, the advocates do not represent you in court. They are available to facilitate the court process and explain to you what to expect if you appear in court.

If you are interested in filing an action in our court system, please contact the District Court Clerk's Office at (580) 235-0279. The deputies will schedule an appointment with the court advocates for you upon request. You can always access the Chickasaw Nation Code at Chickasaw.net and then go to the Judicial Department webpage; the link to the Code is there for you to view the current laws of the Chickasaw Nation.

District News: April 2014 Court Statistics

- 71 new court cases filed
- 138 cases heard in court
- 138 citizens were assisted by the court advocates

SUPREME COURT

YAAKNI` INAALHPISAAT CHOKMA, Chickasaw Nation court camp is scheduled for June 24-25, 2014; this is a two (2) day camp from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day. One of our goals is to expose the camp students to the tribal court system in Indian Country. We hope our camp will influence the students to continue their education and to possibly pursue a job in the court system. We currently have 61 students registered for the camp.

The Judicial Department will be attending the Sovereignty Symposium June 4 and 5, 2014. Tribal members from across the state and the Nation will be attending. The Sovereignty Symposium was established to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues could be exchanged in a scholarly and non-adversarial environment.

The Chickasaw Nation Bar Association continuing legal education seminar is now scheduled for June 27, 2014, at the Artesian Hotel, Sulphur, Oklahoma to begin at 8 a.m. This seminar will be 1/2 day seminar to include CLE credit and ethics. Please mark your calendar now to attend and contact Ginger Sanders, District Court Clerk Deputy, (580) 235-0279 for registration. To date, the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association membership has grown to over 488 members. These members are all able to practice in our courts. Contact information for our Bar Association members is listed at www.chickasaw.net on the judicial page click Bar Association.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chief Justice. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you. CHIPISALA` CHO ANOWA means "Until I see you again." again"Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon. Please contact me, I would love to hear from you (580) 235-0281 or cheri.bellefeuille-gordon@chickasaw.net

Skip Seeley – 2014 graduate with Master's degree in Business Administration

Tribe partners with minority business owners through the Preferred Vendor Program

Minority-owned businesses are offered the unique opportunity to partner with the Chickasaw Nation through the tribe's Preferred Vendor Program.

The program is designed to increase business opportunities for qualified Chickasaw and other qualified minority business owners.

To be eligible for the program, a business must be at least 51 percent owned, controlled and operated by a Chickasaw citizen, Native American, African American, Hispanic American, woman or disabled veteran.

Once qualified, the company's information is entered into a database which is utilized throughout all Chickasaw Nation departments and divisions when making purchasing decisions.

The database is also used to track the programs contribution to the Chickasaw Nation's mission to enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people.

The goal of the program is to produce a "win-win" situation where both the business and the tribe benefit from the partnership.

New to the program this year is the Chickasaw Nation Bid Board website. The bid board website provides high-level details regarding upcoming bid opportunities with the tribe, such as open and closing dates, descriptions and contact information for a number of bidding opportunities.

Vendors visiting the site are able to submit bids at the click of a button. To comply, vendors must be prequalified in the Preferred Vendor Program.

For more information regarding the Preferred Vendor Program or the Chickasaw Nation Bid Board, visit www.Chickasaw.net or call (405) 387-6527.

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Tribe's Earth Day 'shredding event' chews up over six tons of paper

Sgt. Mosley of the Ada Police Department assists with unloading documents during the 2014 Earth Day shredding event held at the ReUse Center in Ada.

ADA, Okla. - Businesses, schools, government organizations and community members took part in making the Chickasaw Nation Earth Day shredding event successful. A shredding truck was on hand April 22 at the ReUse Center, located in Ada, that collected more than six tons of paper materials to be to be immediately destroyed and recycled.

"Documents today contain sensitive material that could be used to steal identity and help thieves commit fraud. We link recycling with a convenient location to destroy these delicate documents," Mack Peterson, section head of Chickasaw Nation environmental services said. "People can see that there documents are destroyed properly and feel confident that there information is safely destroyed. "

Contributors included the Ada Police Department and Ada Public Schools. The school system had a large trailer of confidential materials that were disposed of in a safe, confidential manner.

"This is the second year we have used the shredding service," said Pat Smith Ada school system. "It is a safe, free way to dispose of the years materials."

The shredding event served more than 63 families. As a model of efficiency, Chickasaw Nation employees averaged less than a minute to unload the many cars and trucks that used the service.

The six tons of paper gathered for recycling will save many natural resources and reduce pollution. Using Environmental Protection Agency calculations, 102 less trees will be needed by the paper industry and 42,000 gallons of water will be diverted for other uses. The estimated local land fill space saved is 18 cubic yards, with 300 less pounds of air pollution due to the paper manufacturing processes.

About document shredding events

Since 2009, the Chickasaw Nation has hosted shredding events open to the public. These are held in Ada at the Chickasaw Nation ReUse Centers because of its environmentally friendly infrastructure.

The document shredding events ensure an individual's confidential and sensitive materials are kept out of the wrong hands. Experts recommend that people and companies shred bills, tax information and bank account information that could be used by thieves to commit identity theft. At Chickasaw Nation sponsored shredding events, documents are immediately destroyed.

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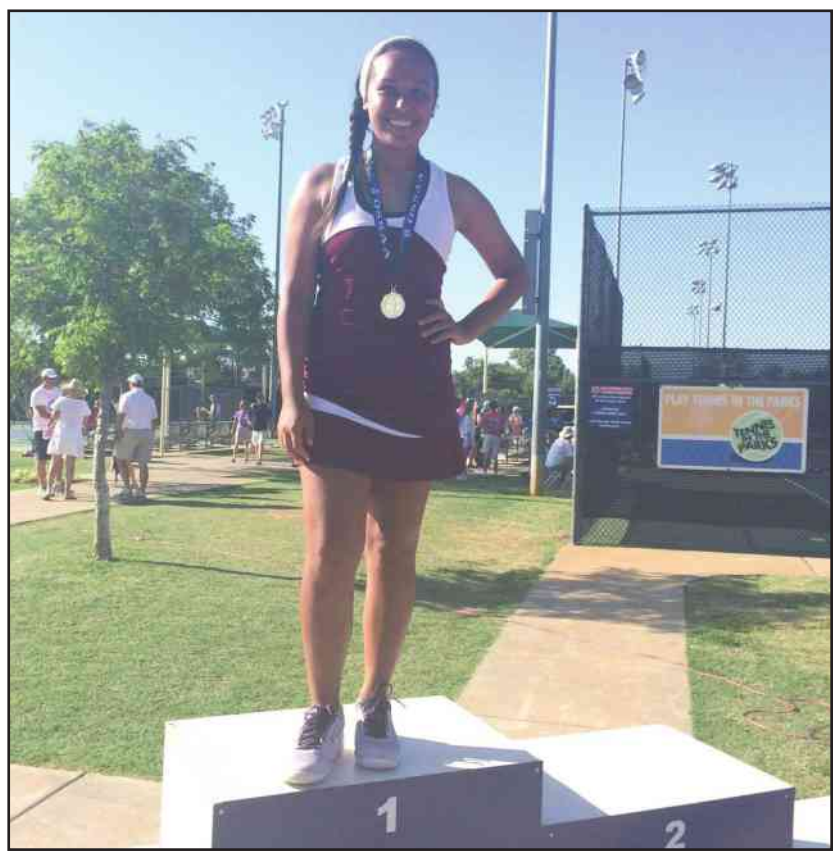
Ada residents brought small grocery bags to large flatbed trailers full of paper that was immediately shredded and recycled during the 2014 Earth Day shredding event at the ReUse Center. The Chickasaw Nation collected more than six tons of paper during the daylong event.

Chickasaw prep netter takes Oklahoma 4A No. 1 singles title



Taylor Wood

Chickasaw tennis player Taylor Wood recently won the Oklahoma Class 4A No. 1 Singles State Tennis title. Taylor is a junior at Ada (OK) High School.

Taylor's performance led the Ada Lady Cougars to a dominant sweep in the State Finals.

Taylor is the daughter of Phillip and Julie Wood; granddaughter of Theresa Tiger; W.T. Farmer and Virginia (West) Farmer. Taylor's great-grandmothers are Mable Parnacher Tiger and Louise Carney Wadlington, full-blood Chickasaws.

Taylor's love for tennis began at a Chickasaw Nation tennis camp, coached by Carolyn Nimmo. Mrs. Nimmo recognized her talent and has been her coach/mentor since 2005.

Taylor thanks Ms. Nimmo; her parents; and Ada tennis coaches Skip Griese and Terry and Sunny Swopes.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Young Chickasaw pianist gets top rating at Oklahoma Music Teachers Association State Audition

LaKala Orphan

LaKala Orphan is a nine-year old Chickasaw girl who loves to play piano. LaKala recently competed in a piano competition at the District Achievement Auditions held at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma in March. She received a high rating that advanced her to the Oklahoma Music Teachers Association State Achievement Audition. This competition was at the Wanda Bass School of Music, Oklahoma City University on May 17, 2014. During her performance LaKala received the highest possible rating of a 1+ and was awarded a trophy.

LaKala has been a student of Blackburn Piano Studio for three years. She is also a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs and has won numerous awards in piano competitions. We are very proud of all her accomplishments.

LaKala is aspiring towards being a church pianist one day after being inspired by the pianist at our church.

She is the daughter of Ray and LaTonia Orphan and the sister to Roddrik Orphan.

Chickasaw sibling runners compete at state

Chickasaw sister and brother athletes Sheyenne and Sam Sweet.

ADA, Okla. – A highly competitive cross-country and track season saw two Chickasaw athletes continually improve and ultimately compete for state championship titles.

Sam Sweet, 17, and his sister, Sheyenne, 15, earned slots to compete for Oklahoma state titles at Moore after excelling in track and cross-country competitions for Byng High School.

The state championships were bittersweet, however. Due to illness, Sam, who was seeded fourth in the 3200 meters, finished 12th. Sheyenne was part of the Lady Pirates 4X800 team which finished 15th after a 12th seed in the tournament.

Sam will be a junior next year and Sheyenne will a freshman, so their state title opportunities are very much alive.

"Call it state tournament jitters," their mother, Celestial Sweet, said. "We are very proud of them."

Mrs. Sweet said both competed well this year, much of the time finishing in the top three slots at many meets.

"Both also improved on their times and worked very hard," she said. "Sam's beating himself up but we just say 'wait until next year'."

Honor Guard marches in Gainesville, Texas parade

The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard recently participated in the Medal of Honor Parade at Gainesville, Texas. Front, Roy Worcester. Back row from left, Cecil Underwood, Ray Orphan and Ted Underwood.

Native American Water Corps for high school grads

There is a great summer opportunity for Chickasaw and other Indian students who have graduated from high school.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is offering a summer four-week water resources technician training program. The students who engage in this program will be known as the Native American Water Corps. The program is July 8 through Aug. 3 at the University of Arizona in Tucson.

Students who successfully complete the program will receive a four-month voucher for full-time, temporary employment with a tribal government or government agency in an entry level water resource field. The program is designed to aid in development of higher education and career opportunities.

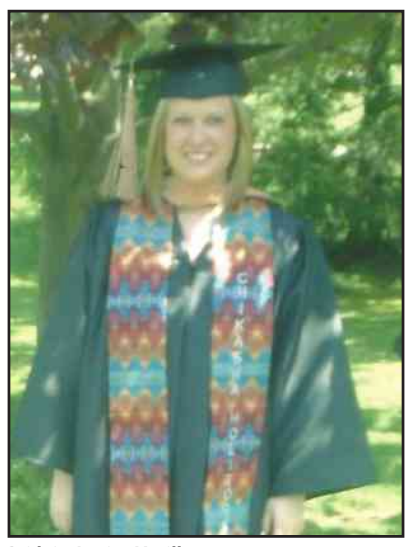
The application deadline for the Native American Water Corps is June 9, so apply now!

You must complete the Application for Federal Employment – SF 171.

For more information, call Christina Mokhtarzadeh, Chief, Branch of Water Resources, Division of Water & Power at (202) 208-5480.

You may also call Toni Village Center at (202) 208-3956 or (202) 208-4004.

Bridgitt Merillat accepted to LIM College master's program



Bridgitt Louise Merillat

Bridgitt Louise Merillat has been accepted to LIM College in New York City for graduate school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Merillat. She is the granddaughter of the late Irene Foraker Merillat and the great-granddaughter of the late Flossie Alexander.

She will attend LIM College in August to pursue a master's degree in merchandising and retail management.

She is a 2012 graduate of Adrian College with a bachelor's degree in business marketing.

Wendy Haskins

Wendy Haskins named Hillcrest radiology chief

Wendy Haskins, a Chickasaw, has joined Hillcrest Hospital South in Tulsa as the new Director of Radiology.

Ms. Haskins most recently served as Director of Radiology Regional Center in Estero, Florida.

She previously served as Director of Radiology for HMA-Lehigh Regional Medical Center, and, HMA-Sebastian River, Florida. Medical Center.

She is a native, Ada, Okla., and a graduate of the University of Oklahoma. She holds a master's degree in Hospital Administration from Florida Gulf Coast University.

She is the daughter of Lee George, of Ada, and Lois Ann Murray, of Cape Coral Florida.

Wendy Haskins

Chickasaw receives American Airlines award

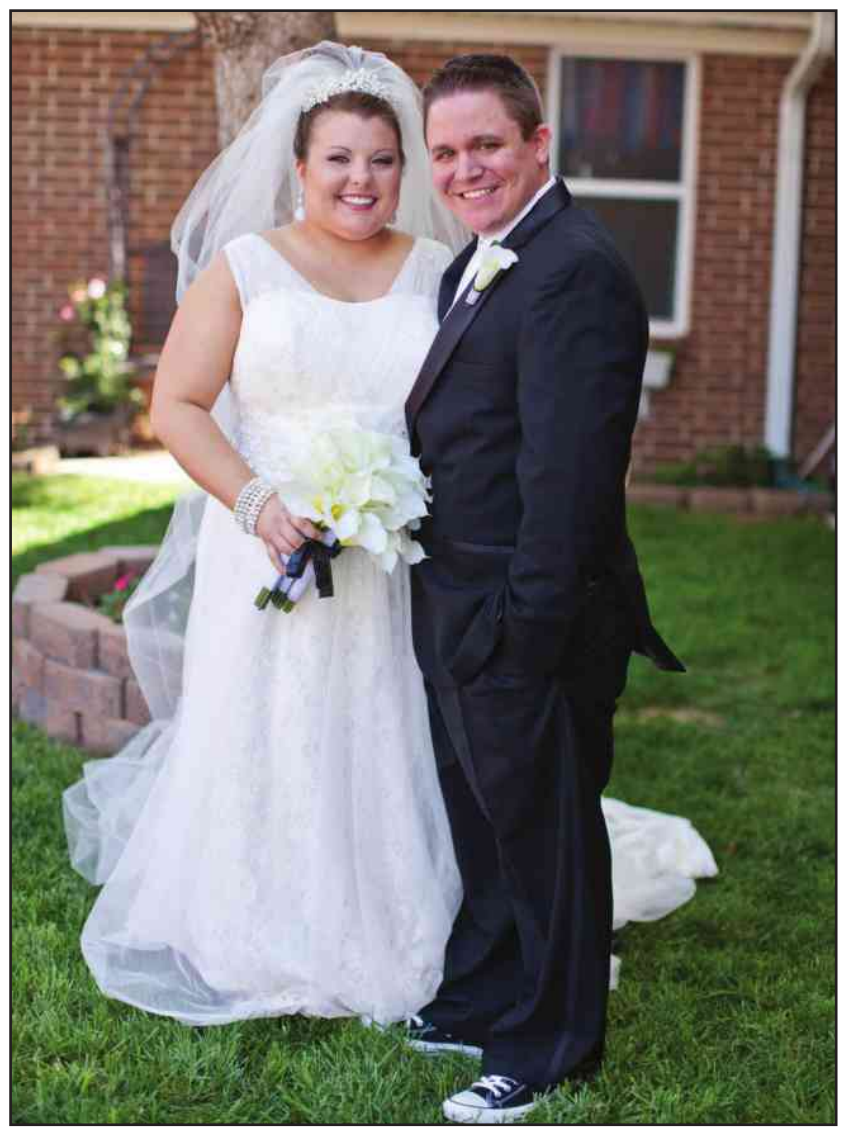
Cindy Contreras, of Fort Worth, Texas is the first Chickasaw citizen to be awarded the American Airlines Chairman's Award for her volunteer work.

Ms. Contreras, R.N. is a registered nurse for American Airlines Medical and has been with the company for 13 years.

She has volunteered for 10 years, with more than 200 hours coordinating and providing Medical's emergency response for the yearly Sky Ball event serving our nation's military service members, veterans and their families.

For the past four years Ms. Contreras has been actively involved, arranging doctors and nurses to escort our WWII Honor Flight Heroes to Washington, D.C. on a day trip to visit our nation's memorials.

Ms. Contreras is the first to raise her hand for volunteer opportunities, and does so with a servant attitude. She is a strong leader, educator and nurse who loves giving back to her community.



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Mortimer

Kennedy, Mortimer marry in Tuttle

Shae Suzanne Kennedy and Matthew Wayne Mortimer were united in marriage on May 3, 2014 at First Baptist Church of Tuttle, Okla.

The bride wore an Oleg Cassini gown and was given in marriage by her parents, Terry and Kim Kennedy. Marty Williams officiated, and a reception followed at the FBC Family Life Center.

Magan Link, cousin of the bride, of Norman, Okla., and Lori Hendrix, friend of the bride, of Minco, Okla., were maids of honor. Bridesmaids included friends of the bride Caylee Olson, of Decatur, Texas, and Catie Mathis, of Edmond, Okla.; Kristen Mortimer, sister of the groom, of Oklahoma City; and Kiera Link, cousin of the bride, of Tuttle. Julie Haywood, cousin of the bride, of Tuttle, was flower girl. Honor attendants included aunts of the bride Kandi Link, of Tuttle, and Janeil Hardy, of Seattle, Wash.; cousins of the bride Christie McComas, of Amber, Okla., and Katie Voegeli, of Pocasset, Okla.; and friends of the bride Christy Koger and Cindy Daugherty, both of Tuttle.

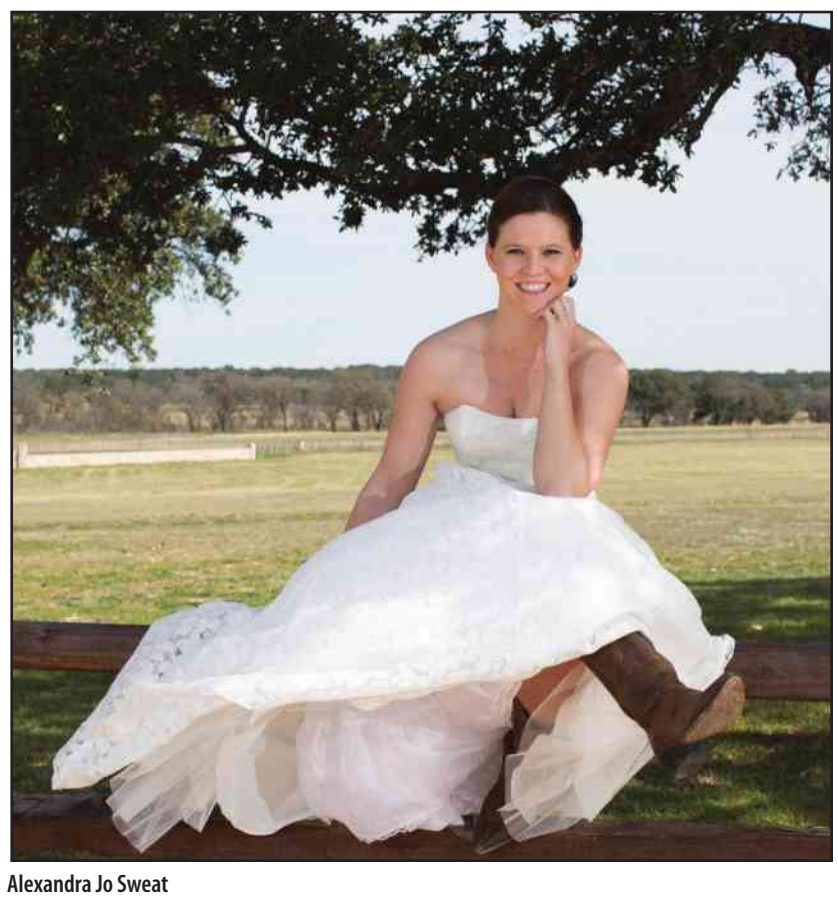
Tyler Lonsdale, friend of the groom, of Yukon, Okla., was the best man. Groomsmen included friends of the groom Casey Cleary, of Dallas, Chris West, of Tulsa, and Joshua West, of Bakersfield, Calif.; and brothers of the bride Kaden Kennedy and Kale Kennedy, both of Tuttle. The ring bearer was Easton Sparks, cousin of the bride, of Tuttle. Ushers included cousins of the bride Nicolas Hardy, of Rochester, Wash. and Jerett Hardy, of Bartlesville, Candle lighters were cousins of the bride, Hunter Haywood, of Tuttle and Jennifer Kennedy, of Amber.

The new Mrs. Mortimer is the daughter of Terry and Kim Kennedy, of Tuttle, and sister of Kaden and Kale. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Jeanette Haywood, of Tuttle; Kenny and Janice Hardy, of Tuttle; and Jerry and Vickie Kennedy, of Amber. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Gladys Fryrear Sparks and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Francis Delilah Fryrear, an original Chickasaw enrollee. She is a 2007 graduate of Tuttle High School and a 2010 graduate of Oklahoma State University. She is the eCommunications Manager at the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City.

The groom is the son of Marty and Dianne Mortimer, of Yukon, and brother of Kristen. He is the grandson of JR and Sharon Mortimer, of Wichita, Kan., and Bob and Margie Newlin, of Grove, Okla. He is a 2005 graduate of Mustang High School and a 2011 graduate of Oklahoma State University. He works as a business analyst at The Hertz Corporation.

After enjoying a honeymoon at Walt Disney World in Orlando, the couple are at home in Mustang, -with their pup, Thabo.

Alexandra Jo Schorn weds Dalton Sweat



Alexandra Jo Sweat

Alexandra Jo Schorn and Dalton Sweat were united in marriage March 22, 2014 at Fischer Dance Hall, of Fischer, Texas. Matthew T. Seliga officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Desiree and Chuck Schorn, of Dallas.

The bridegroom's parents are Mike Sweat and Sue Sweat, of Wimberley, Texas.

Honor attendants were Brittni Taylor, of Waco, Texas and Dustin New, of San Antonio.

The couple will make their home in San Marcos, Texas.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Allie Glover

Allie Glover named to State All-Tourney team

Allie Glover, of Fort Gibson, Okla., is a member of the Fort Gibson High School Girls Basketball team. Fort Gibson was the Oklahoma Class 4A State Champion in 2014, 2013 and was runner-up in 2012.

Allie has been named to the 2013 and 2014 State Tournament All Tournament Teams, 2013 and 2014 Muskogee All-Phoenix Team; and in 2012 named 2012 Muskogee Phoenix Newcomer of the Year.

Allie is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club.

She is the daughter of Derald and Liz Glover, of Fort Gibson and granddaughter of Wilma Goodwin, of Yukon, Okla., and Vernon Brown and Ellen Green, both of Roff.

Lilly Kelly

Lilly Kelly leads Purple Tigers to championship

Lilly Kelly, coached by her father Robert Kelly, and the rest of the Norman Girls Under-7 "Purple Tigers" won the Norman Youth Soccer Association's Madness tournament on May 4. The Tigers became back-to-back tournament champions. The team won the NYSA Sooner Soccerfest in Fall 2013.

Lilly scored the game-winning goal on an unassisted corner kick in the semi-final game. She went on to score once and play exceptionally well in the championship game that went into double overtime and was won on penalty kicks (7-5).

The Purple Tigers are undefeated in the past two seasons.

Sariah Beckham

Sariah Beckham doing great in school, soccer

Sariah Beckham is a 10-year-old Chickasaw citizen from Newcastle, Okla. She has made some huge strides, this year.

This is her fifth year as a member of the SouthLakes Soccer Club and she has really blossomed as a soccer player. She has, also, been a member of the Chickasaw Honor Roll since 2011.

Sariah reached her Accelerated Reader point goal ahead of schedule. Sariah was also accepted into the Gifted and Talented program and the Honor Roll in Newcastle. The future seems to get brighter and brighter for this Chickasaw citizen!

We are so proud of everything you have accomplished!

Kenley Harden

Kenley gets JOM Award

Kenley Harden, Chickasaw, received the JOM Pre-K Student of the Year award this year at the Ada Early Childhood Center.

Kenley is the daughter of T. Marc and Kyla Harden.

Lauren Ethridge

Lauren on honor roll

Lauren Ethridge, daughter of Gary and Lori Ethridge and granddaughter of Charles and Rose Blankenship, was recognized at Choctaw (OK) Middle School on May 13 for her academic accomplishments.

She received a Superintendent's Honor Roll certificate for obtaining straight A's for the 2013-2014 school year.

Lauren will be completing sixth grade this year and will continue attending Choctaw Middle School next year in the seventh grade.

Katie Ethridge

Katie Ethridge honored for grades, service work

Katie Ethridge, daughter of Gary and Lori Ethridge and granddaughter of Charles and Rose Blankenship, was recognized at Choctaw (OK) Middle School on May 13 for her academic accomplishments.

She received a Superintendent's Honor Roll certificate for obtaining straight A's for the 2013-2014 school year. She also received an Academic Excellence certificate and medal recognizing her for earning Straight A's for all three years of middle school.

Katie will be completing eighth grade this year and will be a freshman at Choctaw High School next year.

During the award ceremony, Katie also received a certificate from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education for Outstanding Academic Performance. She was awarded this certificate for scoring at or above the College Readiness Benchmark on ACT's Explore Program in eighth grade in English, Math, Reading and Science.

In addition to all of these academic recognitions, Katie was recognized with an Outstanding Service Award from the Choctaw Middle School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society for 50 hours of community service.

Kassey Scruggs

Kassey Scruggs takes first at Mudder's Day Run

Kassey Scruggs is finishing her junior year at Cache (OK) High School. She served as an athletic trainer for the Bulldog football team for her fifth year in a row.

Kassey is a member of the Native American club, National Honor Society, FCCLA and History Club. She is a charter member of Restoration Church of God in Cache, where her grandfather Jim is the minister and her grandmother Phyllis Nichols-Myers (Chickasaw member) serves as first lady.

Kassey has recently taken up running and has competed in several 5k races. On May 10 Kassey competed in the Mudder's Day run in Lawton, Okla. She placed 1st place in the 12-17 female age group. She is a member of the "Restoration Runners", a church running group. Kassey is looking forward to her senior year.

She is the daughter of Brandy Myers-Black.

Kinsey Lee Black

Kinsey Lee Black busy with sports, church running group

Kinsey Lee Black is finishing her 6th grade year at Cache (OK) 5th & 6th Grade Center. She is very active in her school and community.

Kinsey is a charter member of Restoration Church of God in Cache. Her grandfather Jim is the pastor and her grandmother Phyllis Nichols-Myers (Chickasaw member) serves as first lady.

Kinsey is in Indian Heritage Club and FCA. She played volleyball for the Pink Panthers and finished her season undefeated and as city champ. She played basketball, and is currently playing softball for the Cache Lady Dogs in Duncan, Okla.

Kinsey has recently taken up running with "Restoration Runners" a church running group. The group competed May 10 in the "Mudder's Day" 5k race in Lawton, Okla. Kinsey won second place in the 12-17 female group.

Kinsey is looking forward to starting her 7th grade year in the fall at Cache Middle School. Kinsey Lee Black is the daughter of Brandy Myers-Black (Chickasaw Member) and John Black.

Texas Chickasaws to National Honor Society

Congratulations to Chickasaw students Logan Havern and Drew Dennis on their induction into the National Honor Society on May 1, at The Woodlands (TX) High School. Membership is based on scholarship, leadership, service and character. Logan is the son of Chris and Amy Havern. Drew is the son of Peter and Missy Dennis.

Maytubbys a tennis family

Maytubby Family from left, Bruce Jr., Lexie, Bruce St. and Lee Maytubby.

A Chickasaw family has made tennis the center of their athletic lives.

The Maytubby family, including Bruce Sr., Bruce Jr., Lee and Lexie, this month played in their 22nd North American Indian Tennis Association (NAITA) Championships in Kansas City. Bruce Sr., and Lee Maytubby attended the event early in its existence and later included their children.

The NAITA Championships were started in 1976 as a way to promote tennis and bring Indian players together in competition. The event promotes the sharing of culture, camaraderie, sportsmanship and tennis as a lifelong activity. The organization also focuses on introducing Indian youth to tennis.

The Maytubby family enjoys the competition, but the focus for them has become the bringing together of family and friends. The Maytubbys are easy to spot at the tournament in their identical shirts with the "Team Maytubby" logo on the back.

This year the family is honoring the late Melvin Maytubby, the father of Bruce Sr., and Lee. Melvin Maytubby grew up in the Mill Creek, Okla., area where he participated in sports.

He encouraged his children and grandchildren to be active in sports and supported them throughout their high school and college years.

Melvin Maytubby instilled the importance of sportsmanship in his family, including Lee's son Kyle, who is competing in the Oklahoma State Special Olympics Games in weightlifting in June.

The Maytubbys are proud of their family and their Chickasaw heritage. They look forward to representing their tribe in the NAITA event and in the Jim Thorpe Games in Shawnee, Okla., in June.

Brandy Myers-Black

Brandy Myers-Black hits track for fitness goals

Brandy Myers-Black is a charter member of Restoration Church of God in Cache, Okla. Her father Jim is the pastor and her Mother Phyllis Nichols-Myers (Chickasaw member) is first lady.

Brandy sings in the choir and is an active member of the community. She recently formed a church running group "Restoration Runners."

In the past year she set a fitness goal and lost 60 lbs and started competing in 5k races. She has encouraged church members, family, and friends to get active. On May 10 Brandy competed in the Mudder's Day 5k with her team. That race marked her 18th 5k race in a year, an accomplishment she is very proud of. It is never to late to start your fitness journey, one day at a time God WILL give you his strength. Nothing is impossible with God.

Lillie Wisdom birthday potluck on June 14

Lillie Wisdom

A potluck birthday celebration for Lillie Wisdom will be from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Saturday, June 14 at the Connerville Sernior Center, Connerville, Okla.

Please bring a serving spoon with your potluck dish and bring your old Chickasaw photos to be scanned into a computer.

For more information contact Lela Wisdom Beckwith at (310) 849-2197 or email at iccindian@gmail.com

Emerson Family Reunion

June 8, 2014
Mill Creek (OK) School Cafeteria
Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Please bring your favorite dish! For more information contact Teresa Bolin at (580) 504-6844 or Deb Hook at (580) 618-1073.

Abbey, Addison Kliewer love competition, cameraderie

Chickasaw siblings make memories along the equestrian trails

Addison and Abbey Kliewer with their parents, Phil and Milli Kliewer.

OKLAHOMA CITY – Tucked away among the stalls, concrete pathways and dirt arenas at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds complex, two Chickasaw equestrians relax with bottles of Dasani water and engage in casual conversation.

Such niceties are fleeting for Abbey and Addison Kliewer. When the call to compete echoes through the building's loud speakers, their actions are fast and serious. Horses are blanketed and saddled; sequined riding attire is donned; knee-high riding boots are tugged into place; horses are combed and curried; Mom Milli Kliewer double checks everything and then checks it again for good measure.

Their dad, Phil Kliewer, takes it all in with a father's immense pride and enthusiasm. He doesn't sling saddles into place nor does he wield a curry comb. What he does is provide all the essentials so the girls can compete and succeed. He buys the horses, pays the insurance, and quietly keeps tab of victories that could lead to college scholarships for both his daughters on equine teams.

A photo of the Kliewer trophy gallery is proof enough. Trophies, silver belt buckles, a championship silver-ornate saddle, ribbons and plaques fill every nook and cranny of the home and ranch operation just outside Cordell, Okla.

EXPLORING OPTIONS

Eighteen-year-old Abbey will graduate very soon. Studious, serious and focused, Abbey is hoping to earn a scholarship competing with equine teams at either Oklahoma State University or Baylor University in Waco, Texas.

Home schooled by her mother, Abbey is looking at equine teams at about any Division I University, but would prefer to stay close to home. Her desire is to compete in the Big 12 conference. Kansas State would be okay, as would Texas Christian or even becoming an Aggie at Texas A&M.

Her father is a lifelong University of Oklahoma fan. He bleeds crimson. But, he takes it all in stride with a heavy sigh that the university he loves does not offer equine opportunities for his beloved daughters.

This summer will be one full of competitions. Abbey may even delay college for a year to rack up more trophies, buckles and saddles in order to impress Big 12 schools. She's building a scholarship-worthy resume and hopes universities take note.

Just like major college football or basketball, it boils down to "what have you accomplished?" in order to obtain a much coveted scholarship. Title IX – the federal government mandate women's athletics be given as much attention as men's athletics – leveled the playing field and has extended opportunities for women to compete.

NO FEAR OF FLYING

At 16, Addison isn't feeling the pressure her big sister is experiencing. There probably is plenty of time for the Cordell High School sophomore to win so many trophies the Kliewer family will not be able to navigate the trophy room without bumping into them.

"I love it," Addison says of equine competition. "My sister and I are different in some ways. I probably don't take it as seriously as Abbey does, but I still want to do the very best I can and hope a university equine program notices," she says while sipping a soft drink between competition venues. "It's fun … and demanding," she adds with a lovely smile and typical teenage gesture of shrugging shoulders while being wide-eyed.

The Chickasaw young women compete in a variety of equine events. Addison is active in "Hunter" class. It's the one where horse and rider follow a pre-determined course and jump over obstacles.

On a beautiful spring afternoon at the fairgrounds, Mom and Dad took up seats in the arena to watch Addison. Mrs. Kliewer, a former champion competitor, knows how judges will score the ride. Even with her eagle-eye for imperfections, each parent expresses satisfaction with Addison's effort.

There is a "little" problem, however. Addison's left foot was free from the stirrup briefly and that's a big deal. Did the judges notice?

Unfortunately, yes. Her score was lower than hoped.

A LIFE AWAY FROM HORSES

Abbey's life is full of books and horses. Addison's is full of horses, but she also plays basketball, runs cross-country and is active in track at Cordell High School.

Addison's extra-curricular activities sometime require mad dashes across the state. The Kliewers want to drink in every sport their daughters are involved in and sometimes that requires drive time. And, sometimes, it requires Mrs. Kliewer to attend horse competitions while Mr. Kliewer cheers on the school-related sports.

"Sometimes, it can be quite daunting," Mr. Kliewer says with a laugh. "You meet yourself coming and going."

He is a soft-spoken, thorough professional whose day job is an investment counselor with Edward Jones. The job makes the highly competitive and hugely expensive "horse hobby" possible.

He thanks his great-great-grandfather, Henry Hill Phillips, a Chickasaw, who inked the Dawes Commission Rolls and then acquired allotment land that just happened to have oil and gas beneath the surface.

"I laugh and say my Edward Jones job makes the horse business possible," Phil says with a smile. He appreciates the fortuitous life event of his Chickasaw heritage.

VETS, TRAINERS AND EXPENSES

Supporting the efforts of two daughters who love to compete in equestrian events is not for the financially faint of heart.

Both girls have riding instructors. Horses are purchased – sometimes for prices greater than the national average for salaries – vets are on call, the expense of transporting them to competitions from Oklahoma to Ohio, Kentucky and beyond is staggering. Boarding them, training them, working them and feeding them would make an accountant pull his hair out.

"We are blessed by our Chickasaw heritage," Mr. Kliewer said. "Without that, it would not be financially possible. What is the price tag for the dreams of your children? It is limitless."

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Shelbey Parnacher signs Connors State letter

It was a family affair for Shelbey Parnacher on May 2, when she signed a national letter of intent to play basketball for Connors State College at Warner, Oklahoma. Shelbey is a two-sport All-State standout for Latta (OK) High School this year. She was cited for her talent in softball and basketball. Those attending to congratulate Shelbey are front row, from left, Shelbey's sister Kelbey; her father Craig; Shelbey, and her mother, Shannon. Back row, from left, Latta High School assistant coach Carrie Storts; Shelbey's brother, Kele; Latta High School head coach David Tinkler and Conners State Cowgirls assistant coach Jamie Fisher.

CHICKASAW ROYALTY

Savannah Burwell
Chickasaw Princess

Chokma! My name is Savannah Burwell, and I am the 2013-2014 Chickasaw Princess.

I am the 20 year-old daughter of Jason and Leta Burwell. I am the granddaughter of Virginia "Gingy" Nail, of Ada, and the late Kelsie Alexander Morris and the great-granddaughter of Benjamin Nail, of Ada.

I am currently attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University where I am majoring in Communications with a minor in Native Studies.

We had the opportunity in April to attend the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, N.M. While we were there, we attended the Miss Indian World pageant, were a part of grand entry and visited the home of the Acoma Pueblo Indians. This trip is a moment I will never forget.

I also enjoy getting to be a part of the elders' events and serving them at their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. I enjoy getting to talk to them and getting to know them better. They are full of wisdom and I am continuing to learn more about our culture and language from them.

I have enjoyed every moment of my reign and it is a great honor to be an Ambassador for the great Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation!

Chokma'shki!

2013-2014 Chickasaw Princess

Savannah Burwell

Faithlyn Seawright
Chickasaw Junior Princess

Chukma!

Sa holhchifoat Faithlyn Seawright.

I am the 2013-2014 Chickasaw Junior Princess. I am the sixteen year old daughter of Gwen Burris and Larry Seawright. I am a sophomore at Latta High School. I like to draw, write, read, play guitar, sing, and listen to music.

As princess, I am not limited to sharing our culture just in Oklahoma, but also in other states.

One of my exciting experiences so far as the Chickasaw Junior Princess is attending the Gathering of Nations Powwow in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I got to share some of my language with people at the powwow, in town, and even in our hotel!

One of my favorite events to attend within the Chickasaw Nation were the Headstart Graduations. To see the looks on the children's faces when they saw my fellow princesses and I reminded me of what it was like to see them when I was a kid. I get to show the little girls of the nation that Disney Princesses aren't the only type of princess out there. I can help show them that they too can be a princess and represent their tribe with pride.

One of my favorite moments so far was the plane ride back from Albuquerque. We got to see Little Mike and Funny Bone (native rappers) in the airport! Guess what? We even had the same flight back to Dallas with them! It was so cool!

I feel so blessed to have been given this opportunity to represent the tribe and share our culture throughout the state of Oklahoma and beyond! I am enjoying this reign with the lovely Jacee Underwood and Savannah Burwell! The pageant for Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess, and Little Miss Chickasaw is closely approaching: I want to encourage the girls of the Chickasaw Nation to run for a princess title when they are eligible. The deadline to submit application to run will be Friday, August 29, 2014. It's so much fun and every minute is enjoyable!

Yakoke! Chipisalacho!

2013-2014 Chickasaw Jr. Princess

Faithlyn Seawright

Jacee Grace Underwood
Little Miss Chickasaw

Chukma,

My name is Jacee Grace Underwood and it is my honor to serve as your 2013-2014 Little Miss Chickasaw. I am the 9 year old daughter of JD and Gina Underwood. I am in the 3rd grade at Homer Elementary. I would like to share some highlights of my reign so far. This past month I attended the Gathering of Nations in Albuquerque, NM. I got to walk in the grand entry of the powwow, meet other princesses from different tribes and even meet some of the dancers. It was an amazing and memorable experience to be able to interact with so many different members of different tribes. And not to mention all the great food. Another highlight I've had the privilege of attending was the headstart graduation ceremonies. I can still remember when I graduated from headstart 4 years ago! I enjoyed seeing all the graduates little smiles while walking across the stage and having their picture taken.

Some of the most important things I have learned while being Little Miss Chickasaw is about the history and culture of our tribe. I have learned how to make a finger woven belt, a beaded collar and moccasins. I also learned some stomp dancing and how to play stickball. These are some of the things I have learned and I hope to continue learning more about our history and culture. My experiences as Little Miss Chickasaw have been amazing for me so far and I am looking forward to the new adventures to come.

Chokma'shki

2013-2014 Little Miss Chickasaw

Jacee Grace Underwood

April 2014 Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Awards

Outstanding Achievement
Danya Hook

Danya Hook, 15, daughter of Brice and Denise West, is an April 2014 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Danya Hook

Danya is in the 10th grade at Tishomingo High School in Tishomingo, Okla. She was nominated by history teacher Nic Clayborn.

"Danya is my hardest working student by far and that is out of 90 students. She has gone above and beyond on every assignment. Her work ethic is what sets her apart. She is going to make her family, school, town and the Chickasaw Nation proud because she will be successful in life," Mr. Clayborn said. "It has been a pleasure to have Danya in my class this year."

In her free time, Danya enjoys golf, swimming, riding four wheelers and spending time with friends and family.

Danya's is currently on the Tishomingo High School girls' golf team. The team has earned an invitation to compete in state competition. She also has been a member of her schools softball, track, basketball and cheerleading squad.

Her future plans include attending Murray State College, earning a degree in graphic design. She would also like to continue with athletics at the college level.

"When I graduate, I want to go to Murray State College and get a degree in graphic design. This will help me in pursuing my dream of becoming an artist. In college I would like to play golf, and possibly softball." Danya said. "I have short, medium and long-term goals. I am going to do my best to accomplish each and every one of them."

Dylan Darnell

Dylan Darnell, 12, son of David and Amy Darnell, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Dylan Darnell

Dylan is a sixth-grader at Bristow Middle School in Bristow, Okla. and was nominated by social studies teacher Jeff Boomer.

"Dylan is an outstanding student. He catches on quickly in class and is a wonderful independent worker. He typically scores a perfect or near perfect on all assignments and tests," Mr. Boomer said. "He is dedicated to his classwork and puts finishing assignments first."

Dylan is an avid outdoorsman and likes to hunt turkey, deer and squirrel. He also enjoys fishing for bass and catfish. Dylan can also be found on the athletic field playing football. When not busy outside, he enjoys attending his church.

Education if important to Dylan, he is a key player on his school's academic team. This year his team won regionals, the highest level his grade can compete in. Dylan has placed first in his schools spelling bee for the last four years.

"Three of the four years I have gone to the Oklahoma Eastern State Spelling Bee," Dylan said. "This year I placed in the top 10 of 170 students."

Jacob Summers

Jacob Summers, 11, son of Johnathan and Susie Summers, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Jacob Summers

Jacob is in the fifth grade at Latta School in Latta, Okla. and was nominated by fifth-grade teacher Darci Reeves.

"Jacob is new to Latta this year. He is a wonderful addition. He has worked hard, especially in reading. I am proud of his efforts," Ms. Reeves said. "In addition to his academics, he is a kind classmate to his peers."

Jacob enjoys physical sports. These include basketball and soccer. His favorite food is hamburgers.

"I have gone to different schools. They are Ada, Roff and Latta," Jacob said. "Now I am going to Latta. It is a good school because of their teaching."

Isa Luker

Isa Luker, 11, daughter of James Luker and Rachel Snow, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Isa Luker

Isa is in the fifth grade at Latta School in Latta, Okla. She was nominated by fifth-grade teacher Julia Rauch.

"Isa has an outstanding character and integrity. She is hardworking and a self-motivated student," Ms. Rauch said. "She is always willing to help others. She is a joy to have in class."

Isa's favorite subjects in school are science and reading. Her hobbies include playing sports, reading and being with friends. Her favorite activity is swimming.

"Swimming has been one of my favorite hobbies two or three years now, when I anxiously decided to jump into the deep end of the public swimming pool," Isa said. "It's been a hobby ever since."

Isa has plans to become a doctor.

"I want to be a pediatrician. I want to make a difference in the world. Ever since I was 6 years old I have wanted to be a great doctor," Isa said. "I don't want to a great doctor for the fame or money; I want to be a great doctor to change people's lives."

Emily Duty

Emily Duty, 18, daughter of David and Kathleen Duty, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Award for her involvement with the high school organization DECA.

Emily Duty

Emily is a senior at Latta School in Ada, Okla. and was nominated by marketing teacher Stacy Oakley.

"Emily is an above average working in our Work Coop Program. She maintains a high grade-point average and has been a part time employee of the year," Ms. Oakley said. "She is a polite young lady and works well with her peers."

Emily is involved in Family, Career and Community Leaders of America and has completed the Chickasaw Leadership Program. Emily's likes to spend time with her friends and family. She is an active member of H20 Church in Ada, Okla.

Her future plans include attending Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Michael Alexander

Michael Alexander, 17, son of Haskell and Susan Alexander, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Athletics Award.

Michael Alexander

Michael is a junior at Latta School in Ada, Okla. and was nominated by geography teacher Eddie Collins.

"Michael is a starting outfielder. He has started off the season well offensively. He is among the top in batting averages and runs batted in," said Mr. Collins. "Michael is hard working and exhibits all the qualities you want in a student athlete. Michael is an outstanding representative for Latta Baseball.

Michael enjoys playing baseball, watching action movies and the Oklahoma Thunder basketball team, and fishing. He is currently a member of Baling Springs United Methodist Church. He also likes to be a guest of his friend's churches.

"I have attended Latta School from Pre-K," Alexander said. "I have been playing baseball since four and play outfield on the Latta team. My future plans include attending East Central University when I graduate college."

Conner Owens

Conner Owens, 11, son of Jamie and Shannon Owens, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academics Award.

Conner Owens

Conner is in the fifth grade at Roff Elementary in Roff, Okla. He was nominated by science teacher Claudette Wellington.

"Conner is an outstanding student. He excels in all of the core subject areas. He always has is work finished and is read for the next assignment," Mrs. Wellington said. "He tackles new things with excitement and truly loves to learn."

Conner is a member of the Superintendents Honor Roll and Honor's Choir. He is a 4-H member and active in his church. He is an active participant in extracurricular sports, including basketball and baseball. Connor's also likes to ride his bike and fish with his grandparents and great grandmother.

"My favorite subjects in school are reading and math," Conner said. "I want to be a paleontologist and a professional baseball player."

Payton Owens

Payton Owens, 9, daughter of Jamie and Shannon Owens, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academics Award.

Payton Owens

Payton is in the fourth grade and attend Roff Elementary in Roff, Okla. Payton was nominated by math teacher Bobbie Sawers.

"Payton is an exceptional student. She loves to learn and has a strong desire to do her best," Ms. Sawyers said. "She has the determination to succeed in all her subjects and is a positive role model to her peers."

Payton hobbies include horseback riding, softball and basketball. Her favorite subjects in school are math and reading. She enjoyed the time she spent last summer as a child in a Chickasaw documentary.

Payton's future goals include becoming a veterinarian and a professional horse trainer.

"I am active in 4-H and enjoy spending time on the farm riding horses and working with cows and baby calves," Payton said. "I want to work with animals, my future goals include becoming a veterinarian and working with horses."

Sage Atterery

Sage Attebery, 12, daughter of Kathy Attebery, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Award for Chickasaw Language.

Sage Atterery

Sage is a sixth-grader at Byng Elementary School in Byng, Okla. She was nominated by Indian education coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Sage is trusted by her peers and her attitude and influence on others is much appreciated," Ms. Delfrate said. "She is the type of student we are proud of."

Sage's hobbies include traveling, dancing, shopping, fishing and skating. She is involved in band, Native Voices and recently made Oklahoma Trotters

"This year I place third for Native Voices at the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in the song category," Sage said. "I have also met all of my Accelerator Reader requirements for the year."

Johnathon Del Frate

Johnathon Del Frate, 12, son of Terry and Stephanie Del Frate, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Award for Chickasaw Language.

Johnathon Del Frate

Johnathan is in the sixth grade at Byng Elementary in Byng, Okla. and was nominated by Indian educator director Merry Monroe.

"Jonathan is an intelligent young man and is serious about his education. He sets high goals and works hard to obtain them,' Ms. Monroe said. "He has great potential and possesses the drive and ambition to succeed. He has received numerous awards and makes Byng Schools proud."

Johnathan is involved in many extracurricular school activities. These include band, 4-H, Native Voices, track and basketball. At the 2014 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, Jonathan placed first in poster art. He also helped his team place third in song.

"My hobbies include riding my bike, playing with my dog and reading mystery novels," Johnathan said. "When I grow up I would like to be firefighter, paramedic or police officer."

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Chickasaw Honor Club

The Chickasaw Honor Club provides added incentives for motivated and academically successful Chickasaw students in grades 2 through 12. The Chickasaw Honor Club recognizes participants in three areas: Grade Incentive, Perfect Attendance and Outstanding Achievement.

The Grade Incentive recognition is open to Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) students with a valid CDIB card, attending a participating JOM school within the Chickasaw Nation service area. School coordinators submit student information to the Chickasaw Honor Club office for processing.

Chickasaw students are eligible for Perfect Attendance each grading period. School coordinators submit information for citizens in participating schools. Citizenship must be on file with the school.

For Grade Incentive and Perfect Attendance recognition, students attending non-participating schools, or who reside outside the boundaries, are eligible through the in-state/out-of-state program. Students must submit an individual application and parents are responsible for submitting report cards and/or proof of perfect attendance.

Students who have a Chickasaw citizenship card on file with their schools may be recognized for Outstanding Achievement in the following areas; athletics, music, art, journalism, national FFA, citizenship, band, dance, theater/drama and academic achievement.

School coordinators or JOM representatives handle paperwork and submission forms for Outstanding Achievement awards. Students are eligible for one award per school year. Recipients are awarded $25 Wal-Mart gift cards.

Students residing outside tribal boundaries or who attend home/private school, must have a Chickasaw citizenship card, provide a school photo and submit an application and biography for consideration.

To learn more about the Chickasaw Honor Club, visit www.chickasaw.net or contact Chickasaw Nation Education at (580) 421-7711.

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At the Chickasaw Honor Club end of year celebration at Lazer Zone in Ada, Okla., Ariana Munoz and Bells Tiger hang on for an exciting simulated roller coaster ride through a railroad mine.

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Chickasaw Nation Head Start centers graduate 151 students

Ada Head Start graduates

Ardmore Head Start graduates

Sulphur Head Start graduates

Tishomingo Head Start graduates

More than 150 Head Start students from the Chickasaw Nation Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo Head Start centers were celebrated May 14 and 15 in graduation ceremonies.

Clad in scholarly caps and ribbon-adorned graduation gowns, reminiscent of traditional Chickasaw ribbon shirts, graduates from each center opened the program with entertainment for family, friends, Chickasaw Nation leaders, teachers and center staff members.

While song and dance performances ranged from current hits like Katy Perry's "Roar" and "What Does the Fox Say," to updated versions of childhood classics like "Wheels on the Bus" and "Humpty Dumpty," all delighted guests and dignitaries alike.

As the graduates walked to receive their diplomas, many teachers shared the children's career aspirations with attendees. Popular responses to the age-old question "What do you want to be when you grow up?" included superhero, princess, firefighter, police officer and doctor.

Ardmore graduates included an aspiring nurse, bull rider, spy, "cooker," and Darth Vader. In Sulphur, one ambitious young man said he wants to be a "cop, firefighter and ninja security guard."

At the graduation ceremonies, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Secretary of Community Services, Wayne Scriber, greeted and presented each child with his or her diploma.

Head Start director, Robert Pickens, thanked parents and guardians in attendance for supporting the children, and emphasized the importance of continued encouragement as the graduates move forward on their educational journey.

"Thank you for all you do on the front lines; being their first teacher, getting them ready for school each morning and getting them to the bus on time," Mr. Pickens said in Sulphur.

Mr. Pickens expressed his appreciation to the Chickasaw Nation, Governor Anoatubby and the leadership team for their dedication to early childhood education.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start is a center-based federal and tribally funded program that promotes the school readiness of children ages three to five. The Head Start philosophy is based on the principle that early childhood education should address children's needs in all areas of development: physical, social, emotional and cognitive.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program focuses on providing skill-appropriate services for all Head Start students. Enrollment preference is given to Native American and low-income families, and children with disabilities.

For more information, please contact the division of education at (580) 421-7711.

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Elders Volunteer Awards

The Shining Stars are, back row from left, Secretary of Community Services Wayne Scribner, Shining Star recipients Loyce Eldridge, Billy Hester, Russell Nichols, Lloyd Bradley, Sharon Ratliff and Linda Zachary, and Division on Aging Executive Officer Karen Cook. Front row from left, Shining Star recipients Kay Anders, Sarah Duke, Linda Scally, Mary Jane Ferris, Shirley Houston, Bessie "Tootsie" Smith and Barbara Jo Hook.

"Shining Stars" were recognized and received awards for their volunteer efforts April 30 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada, Okla. The Elder's Volunteer Awards ceremony was one of several elder events taking place during the last week of April.

Mr. Jasper Sampson from the Ardmore Senior Center, performs at the Elder's Talent Show on April 30, 2014.

In addition to the Elder's Volunteer Awards, a talent show and elder's conference were also well attended; celebrating the past year's accomplishments of elder's from all 13 Chickasaw Nation Senior Centers including Achille, Ada, Ardmore, Connerville, Duncan, Kullihoma, Madill, Oklahoma City, Panola, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo. The Chickasaw Nation provides the best care and service for its elders though various programs and services. For more information, please contact the Deparment on Aging at (580) 795-9790 or email aging@chickasaw.net.

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End of the year celebration for Chickasaw Honor Club

Celebrating their achievements at the Chickasaw Honor Club end of year party, Ryan Hamilton and Chance Johnson gear up for a friendly air hockey matchup at Lazer Zone Family Fun Center in Ada.

2014 Chickasaw Elder's Conference

Governor Bill Anoatubby speaks to the crowd at the 2014 Chickasaw Elders Conference at Winstar World Casino Global Event Center in Thackerville, Okla., May 5.

Making the most of a great tribal program

Summer Youth jobs often lead to satisfying tribal careers

Sonya Tiger

Alicson Scott

Each summer, young people across the country pound the pavement seeking work. Some want a little extra pocket money, but many others need the jobs for living expenses and work experience.

Sonya Tiger and Alicson Scott trace the starts of their journeys with the Chickasaw Nation back to their days in the tribe's popular Summer Youth Program.

Sonya Tiger

Ms. Tiger began the Summer Youth Program working with Head Start as a clerk. The job turned into a part-time position while she attended East Central (OK) University.

Her two oldest children attended Head Start while she worked there.

From there, she transferred to the Ada Area Office where she assisted citizens with LIHEAP and emergency assistance. After that, she worked in Employment Opportunities before transferring to the Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) office in 2005.

"To me, working for CDIB, it's history," Ms. Tiger said.

The CDIB office is where she continues to work today.

"I love being here," she said. "I get to help people navigate their native ancestry."

Ms. Tiger graduated from Byng (OK) High School in 1992.

Alicson Scott

Ms. Scott began the Summer Youth Program in 1997 with the Roff (OK) school district. She worked closely with the custodian and superintendent's secretary where she helped with cleaning, mowing, counting money and clerical work.

"The Summer Youth Program helped build the foundation of showing up on time, being dependable and being accountable," Ms. Scott said.

She graduated high school in 1999 and began working for the dietary department at Carl Albert Hospital that summer. She later transferred to Nutrition Services where she worked through her college years.

She stayed at Nutrition Services for 11 years. She began as a demonstration specialist and taught cooking classes. She taught participants of the program how to make nutritious meals from the food they received each month.

Later, she taught nutrition education for the WIC program. She transferred to the Get Fresh! program in 2005, where she started to hone her leadership skills. She rose to the coordinator of the Get Fresh! program.

She entered the career development program in 2006. In 2010 she accepted a position with Self-Governance for Strategic Planning. She At Self-Governance, she contributed to a plan to reinstate the Planning Department, to which she was appointed director.

Ms. Scott spearheaded the volunteer bank where she showcased her knack for leadership after the May 20, 2013 tornado hit Moore, Okla. In 2013, she was appointed Director of Graphic Design and Photography.

"The Chickasaw Nation has given me every opportunity to better myself," she said.

Ms. Scott received her bachelor's degree in family and consumer science from East Central University. She earned her master's degree in human resources in 2008.

Summer Youth Program Facts

The Chickasaw Nation helps bridge the gap of summer employment for Chickasaw youth. The Summer Youth Program provides employment for youth ages 14 to 21.

The program provides workforce training and experience to eligible youth. It encourages productive work patterns and behaviors for a variety of careers. The goal of the program is for participants to acquire new skills in a workplace environment and increase their education in specific career fields.

The Chickasaw Nation partners with different businesses and a variety of departments across the Nation for the Summer Youth Program.

Experiences may include job shadowing, mentoring or similar activities designed to provide youth with leadership and work experience related to tribal operations, health systems, business operations and Chickasaw Nation programs and services.

Students gain real world work experience all while learning the skills that are required to be a successful adult in the workforce.

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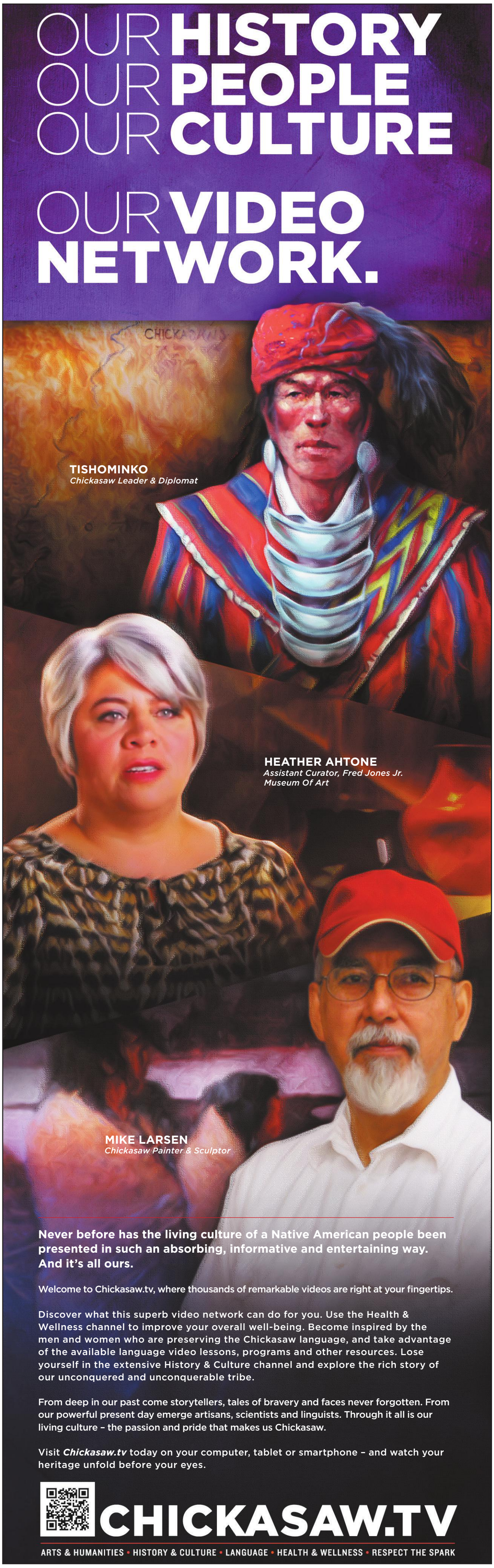


Shelby Lynn Patterson

Shelby Lynn Patterson is a 2014 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of TR and Brandy Kanuch. She is the granddaughter of Sammy and Sue Bingham and Pam Kanuch.

Shelby was active in yearbook and Business Professionals of American (BPA).

She plans to pursue an early childhood education degree at East Central University, Ada.

Kiamichi Mah'lih Miller

Kaimichi Mah' lih Miller is a 2014 graduate of Buffalo Valley High School, Buffalo Valley, Okla. She is the daughter of Zack and Tonya Miller, of Talihina, Okla. She is the granddaughter of the late Patrick Miller and the late Emma Jean Honeycutt. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Earl and Lala Miller and the great-great-granddaughter of Henry and Lula Tussy and the great-great-great-granddaughter of Winchester Colbert.

David Robert Anderson

David Robert Anderson is a 2014 graduate of Prosper High School, Prosper, Texas. He is the son of David and Kathryn Anderson. He is the grandson of Thomas Halsell and Shelby Halsell and James and Barbara Anderson.

David has participated in a variety of activities while in high school. He has played basketball and is a member of the varsity baseball team.

He plans to attend the University of Alabama in the fall, majoring in mechanical engineering.

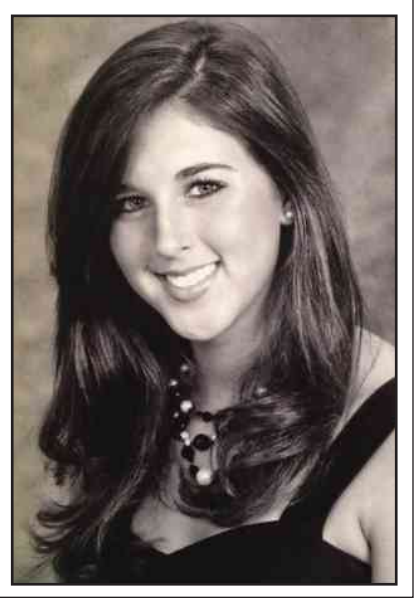
Tiffany Brown

Tiffany Brown a proud Chickasaw citizen, is a 2014 graduate of California Coast University. She earned a masters of psychology degree. She received the"Chickasha Holitoplichi" (Honors Program) graduation stole from the Higher Education Department of the Chickasaw Nation and that is a great honor to her.

She has been accepted into the doctorate program and is currently working on courses to become a doctor of educational psychology. She was nominated and accepted as a member of the Delta Epsilon Tau Honor Society.

She wishes to thank her husband, Davey Brown, for all his encouragement, love and support; her mother, Jeanne Schuth, for her wisdom, guidance and love; and her grandmother, Jean Mead, who is with the Holy Spirit now, and is greatly missed.

Ashley Kathryn Morgan



Ashley Kathryn Morgan is a 2014 graduate of Louisiana Tech University earning a bachelor of education degree in kinesiology.

Trevor James Andrew Leslie

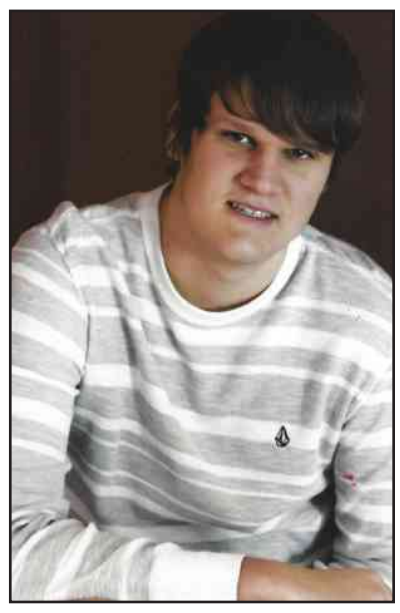
Trevor James Andrew Leslie is a 2014 graduate of Eisenhower High School, Yakima, Wash. He is the son of Terry A Leslie, of Naches, Wash., and Tracy Carolmay, of Roy, Wash. He is the grandson of Danny and Helen Leslie, of Cowiche, Wash. He is the greatgrandson of Walter I Leslie, the late Fannie Leslie and the late Dorothy Fuss. He is the great-great-grandson of the late William I Leslie and the late Nannie Wade Leslie, a full blood Chickasaw enrolled

Trevor has been a lover of baseball since he was big enough to throw the ball, playing in various leagues as well as school baseball every year. Trevor really enjoys hanging out with his cousins and friends at his Aunt Nancy and Uncle Steve's house.

The highlight of his senior year has been playing on the Eisenhower Cadets varsity baseball team. As his senior project he chose to work with his grandparents, Danny and Helen Leslie in a nursing home ministry.

Trevor is pondering his future but whatever his choice he will do well. Following in his father Terry'sand his grandpa Danny's footsteps, being an avid fisherman he will certainly continue to go fishing every opportunity.

Brett Joseph Merillat



Brett Joseph Merillat is a 2014 graduate of Madison High School, Adrian, Mich. He is the son of Brian and Betsy Merillat. He is the grandson of the late Irene Foraker Merillat and the great-grandson of the late Flossie Alexander.

Brett has been active in golf, basketball and served as vice president of his senior class. He was named senior homecoming king.

His plans are to attend Adrian College to study sports management and be a member of the golf team.

Ricky James Fife

Ricky James Fife is a 2014 graduate of Naches Valley Alternative School, Naches ,Wash. He is the son of Nancy Leslie Powers and Chad Fife. He is the grandson of Danny and Helen Leslie, of Cowiche,Wash., the late Charles "Chuck" M Fife and Wendy and Hank Fallert, of Cowiche. He is the great-grandson of Walter "Pete"and Fannie Leslie, both deceased; the late Dorothy Fuss; George and Delores Fife, both deceased; Lester and Nancy Buchanan, both deceased; and the great-great-grandson of the late William I Leslie and Nannie Wade Leslie, enrolled full blood Chickasaw.

Ricky lives with his mom and step-dad,Steve Powers. He enjoys music; playing the guitar and drums. He enjoys hanging out with family and friends, skate boarding, gaming, and listening to and making music.

He is restoring his grandpa Chuck's 1964 Ford F-10 pickup truck, which was his grandpa' wish. He has created an electronic baseball game with his self as "Fife #5"

Ricky is a Chicago Bears Football fan and loves super cross dirt bike racing especially "Ryan Villopoto".

He has not decided on his future plans but whatever it is he will do very well.

Jeremiah Thompson

Jeremiah Thompson graduated December 2013 from ITT Tech Oklahoma City with a degree in network systems administration. He carried a 3.5 grade point average (GPA).

He is currently employed in information technology and is pursuing degrees in software development and psychology. He plans are to put his degree field to use by bettering the Chickasaw Nation and its members as well as his local community.

Jeremiah is from the Oklahoma City Metro area and is proud of the Oklahoma City Thunder.

Amy Marie Mullican

Amy Marie Mullican is a 2014 graduate of Bethany High School, Bethany, Okla. She is the daughter of Walter and Kathy Mullican. She is the granddaughter of M.C. and Mildred Mullican and A.V. and Lucille Daugherty, all deceased.

Amy serves as president of her senior class. She is a member of the National Honor Society and student council. She was a nominee for All-School honors and a member of the golf team. She has danced ballet since she was five. She is active in her church's youth group, and has taught English as a second language in Ukraine.

She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, Norman to become a dental hygienist.

Amy is proud of her Chickasaw heritage having her Chickasaw blood from her maternal great-grandfather, Louis Joel Underwood, who was full-blood and listed as #123 on the Dawes Rolls.

Anthony Sage Lobato

Anthony Sage Lobato is a 2014 graduate of Marina High School, Marina, Calif. He is the son of Pamela L. Pich, of Salinas, Calif. He is the grandson of Roger and Theresa Pich, of Salinas, and Frank and Pat Massaro, of Sacramento, Calif.

Anthony will graduate June 6. He was involved in cross country and baseball. He was a member of the leadership class, member of the key club and on the yearbook committee.

He is a great musician and guitarist and plans to pursue a musical career at the Art Institute of San Francisco.

Congratulations to Anthony on his upcoming graduation. We wish Anthony the best of luck!

Shelbey Parnacher

Shelbey Parnacher is a 2014 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Craig and Shannon Parnacher. She is the granddaughter of Stanley and Mary Jane Smith and the late Lloyd and the late Elouise Parnacher. Shelbey has a 16 year old brother, Kele, and a 7 year old sister, Kelbey. Shelbey has attended the Latta School System for 13 years. She is very active. Her sports activities include fast pitch and slow pitch softball for four years. She has started and played on the high school basketball team for four years. She was named to the Oklahoma High School All-State in fast-pitch softball and basketball. She is involved with Future, Career, Community, Leaders of America (FCCLA), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA_, and is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club.

Her plans are to attend Conners State College, Warner, Okla., on a basketball scholarship.

Tiffany Brooke Woolf

Tiffany Brooke Woolf is a 2014 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is the daughter of Ricky and Karen Woolf, of Baytown, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Elaine Zipperle and the late William Zipperle, of Harrold, Texas.

She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in early childhood.

Ms. Woolf will be moving to Leipzig, Germany in late July to teach the English language.

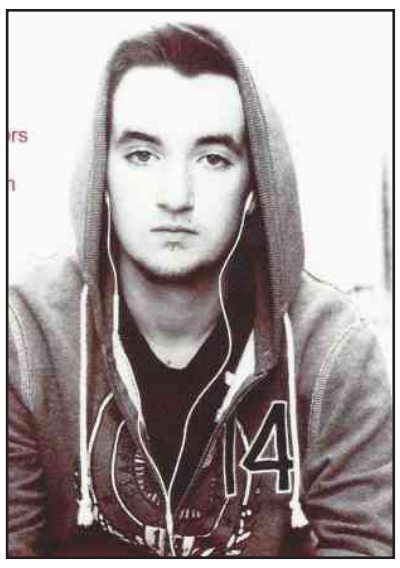
She is very grateful for the many grants and scholarships the Chickasaw Nation has provided throughout her undergraduate education.

Ryanne Jordan

Ryanne Jordan is a 2014 graduate of Tom Bean High School, Tom Bean, Texas. She is the daughter of Brad and Hayley Jordan. She is the granddaughter of the late Bill Harrison, Nancy Harrison, Don Jordan and Jo Lute. Ryanne has studied point, ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, hip hop, and character dance with Dancendy Dance Studio for eleven years. She has won numerous awards with her dance competition team and solo work. She was a member of the varsity cheerleading squad for three years serving as co-captain her senior year. She was a three year member of the National Honor Society serving as treasurer and she was a member of the International Thespian Society. During her senior year she held an internship position with Los Angeles-based designer Maya Stewart. Ryanne has studied Textile Design at the Chickasaw Arts Academy for the last four years with award winning weaver/designer Margaret Roach Wheeler and has been awarded three scholarships to study during the summers at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City. Ryanne and her design studies have been featured in Distinctly Oklahoma Magazine, a feature video played at the Chickasaw Nation Annual Festival Governor's State of the Union address, a fashion show at the Oklahoma State Capitol, the Jacobson House Museum in Norman, Okla., the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities Showroom and a televised commercial produced by Ackerman McQueen for The Chickasaw Nation. She is a member of The Summit Church in Howe, Texas.

Ryanne has been selected to attend Oklahoma Business Week this summer and has been awarded a scholarship to study fashion design at The University of North Texas this fall.

Tyler Thomas Runnels



Tyler Thomas Runnels is a 2014 graduate of Uintah High School, Roosevelt, Utah. He is the son of Michelle and Jonathan W. Runnels, of Vernal, Utah. He is the grandson of Mary and Jerry Martin. He is the great-grandson of Darias Corinne Cravatt, of Odessa, Texas. He is the newphew of Lisa and Richard, of Bayton, Texas.

Tyler's received perfect attendance for 12 years. He strived to achieve this accomplishment and was successful. His favorite sport is basketball. He has a funny personality, serious and he is loved being around.

We wish him the very best in his life and love for Tyler. Good luck with your many endeavors through life.

Madeline Diane Colbert

Madeline Diane Colbert is a 2014 Graduate of Heritage Hall Upper School, Oklahoma City. She is the daughter of John and Jennifer Colbert and the granddaughter of the late Dixie and Ruby Colbert.

Maddie has been active in the pep club, cooking club, environmental club, the German Club, Spanish Club and a member of the National Honor Society.

Maddie has been accept to the University of Arkansas where she will pursue a degree in Human Relations.

Laura Wilson

Chickasaw Children's Village (CCV) resident, Laura Wilson, 18, has been awarded a band scholarship from East Central University in Ada, Okla.

An honor roll student, Laura has maintained a 3.6 grade point average (GPA) in her first year of residency at the CCV.

Laura is a seven-year band veteran. She also enjoys hunting.

Bethany D'Ann Easley-Wade

Bethany D'Ann Easley-Wade is a 2014 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Andrew Wade and Sheila Easley-Wade. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Saundra Easley, of Ada, and the late Dan and Annie Bell Wade. She is the proud mother of Dominick Michael Blaine and all her hard work and struggles are for him.

Bethany was active in vocal music during high school and junior high school. She served as an officer in Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), she attended Girls State her junior year and was a member of the Chickasaw Leadership Program and participated in many projects including building a home with Habitat for Humanity and traveling to the homelands of Mississippi.

Congratulations Boo!

We love you,

Mom, Dad, Chris, Brody, Cher, Terr, Madi, Nat, Char, Bobbi, Kevin, Dimey, Bubba, Chels, Casen, Tiner, AndrewnBilli, Kels, Gabby, Xander, Aric and Tahleetha, Bella and especially Papa and Nana.

Dr. Chelsea Bickerstaff Dost

Dr. Chelsea Bickerstaff Dost is a 2014 graduate of Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She is married to Mark Dost. She is the daughter of Ken and Debbie Bickerstaff, of Onsted Mich. She is the granddaughter of Olive (Foraker) Bickerstaff. She is the great-granddaughter of Flossie Alexander and the great-great granddaughter of James Alexander, both original enrollees.

Dr. Bickerstaff Dost received her bachelor of science degree in animal science from Lyman Briggs College at MSU in 2010. She was a member of the Honors College and the Charles Drew Science Enrichment Laboratory. She also competed on the MSU polo team.

She wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation education services for providing her with tuition, textbook, and clothing grants that allowed her to complete her goals. Their financial support was greatly appreciated.

She has joined the Caseville Small Animal Clinic veterinary practice in Caseville, Mich.

Andrew John Phillips

Andrew John Phillips Andrew is a 2014 graduate of Baylor University. He is the son of John and Brandi Phillips, of Norman, Okla.

He graduated summa cum laude on May 17 with a bachelors of arts degree in religion and was one of only 46 Baylor graduates to graduate with a perfect 4.0 grade point average (GPA).

Andrew will continue working as a graphic artist for the next few months until his wife, Mariava, graduates, and then they plan to go to Manchester UK as church planters with Greater Europe Missions (GEM).

John, Brandi, and Andrew would like to thank The Chickasaw Nation for the support they have provided to Andrew over the past several years. They have been extremely generous with scholarships, clothing grants, laptops, and so many other things. Andrew graduates from Baylor debt free in part due to the generosity of The Chickasaw Nation. You don't know how appreciated you are, and how much your generosity means to young people pursuing their dream!

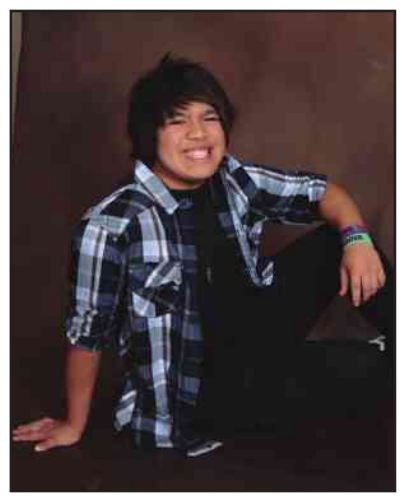
Tommie Frazier

Tommie Frazier is a 2014 graduate of Konawa High School, Konawa, Okla. He is the son of Tony Frazier. He is the grandson of Sally and Harold Frazier.

Tommie is a member of the Principal's Honor Roll, a member of the football team and was named All-District Tight-End. He has participated in weight lifting for three years, one year of basketball, and four years of baseball. He is an outstanding left-hand pitcher and led the team to back-to-back District Championships for 2013 and 2014. He has been a member of Achievement Academy for four years and has an invitation to play baseball Coast-to-Coast with an Orlando baseball team .

His plans are to attend college to further his education.

Brandon Carrillo



Brandon Carrillo is a 2014 graduate of Clear Lake High School, Houston, Texas. He is the son of Lupe and Valerie Carrillo. He is the grandson of Lupe and Jan Carrillo and Gilbert and Ida Tabares.

Brandon has been active in athletics throughout high school. He is a very gifted artist and plans to persue a degree in that field. Brandon is very proud of his Chickasaw heritage. He loves drawing, music, spending time with his family and playing video games with his friends.

His family is so very proud of him and can't wait to see what his future holds.

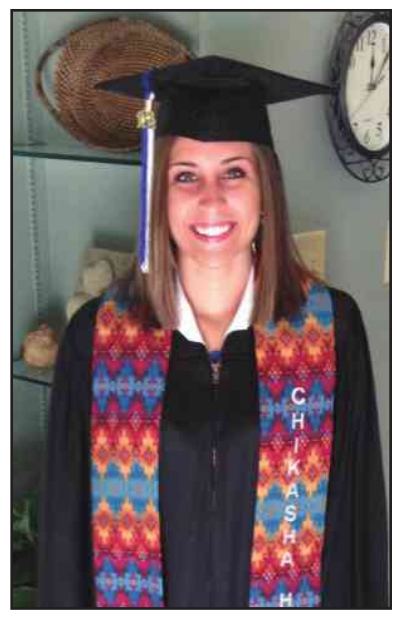
Jennifer Haas and Connie Walton

Jennifer Haas earned a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Connie Walton earned a registered nurse bachelor's degree in nursing from East Central University.

The sisters are the daughters of Steve and Tammy Walton.

Tricia Tate



Tricia Tate is a 2014 graduate from the University of Memphis.

Ms. Tate graduated Magna Cum Laude earning a bachelor of science degree in education. She is pictured wearing her Higher Honor Stole from the Chickasaw Nation office of Higher Education.

She plans to pursue a career in education as an elementary school teacher in the Memphis area.

She wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation and the office of Higher Education for all the services and support she received during her time as an undergraduate student.

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2014 PRIMARY ELECTION SCHEDULE

June 2-4:
Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

June 6:
Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

June 9:
Drawing for position on the ballot (1:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)
Candidates may pick up print-outs & CD's.

June 9:
Last day to submit photo & biography to "Chickasaw Times" (by 4:00 pm)
Press release for candidates (news/media)

June 30:
Ballots mailed to voters who reside out of the contiguous 48 states

July 7:
Voter registration closes.

July 8:
After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated printouts & CD's.

July 14:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

July 24:
Last day to appoint a watcher.

July 29:
2014 Primary Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.

July 29:
Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

Aug 1:
Recount period ends.

October 1:
Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2014 RUN-OFF ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

August 4:
Candidates may pick up print-outs & CD's (after 12:00 p.m.)

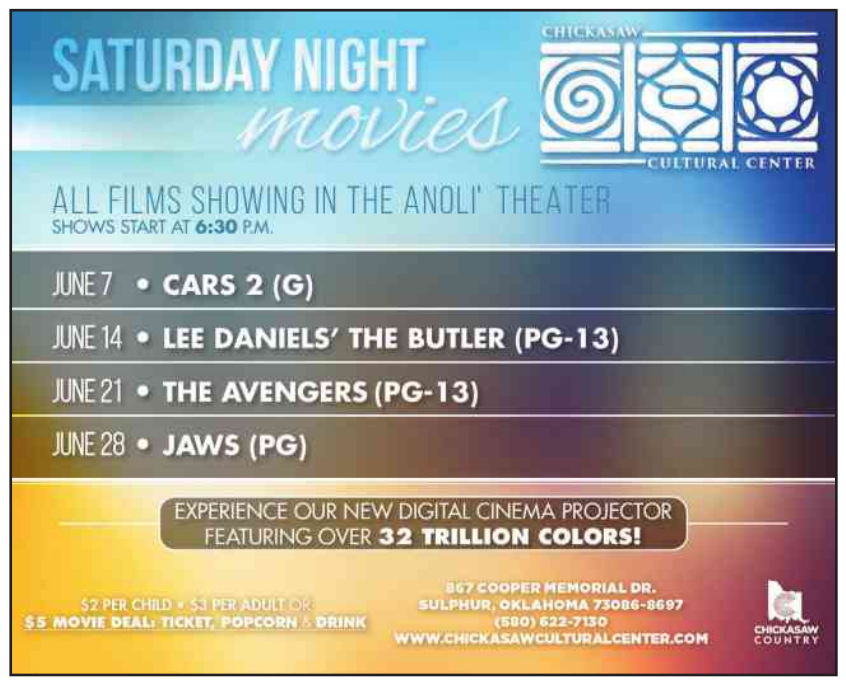
August 11:
Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

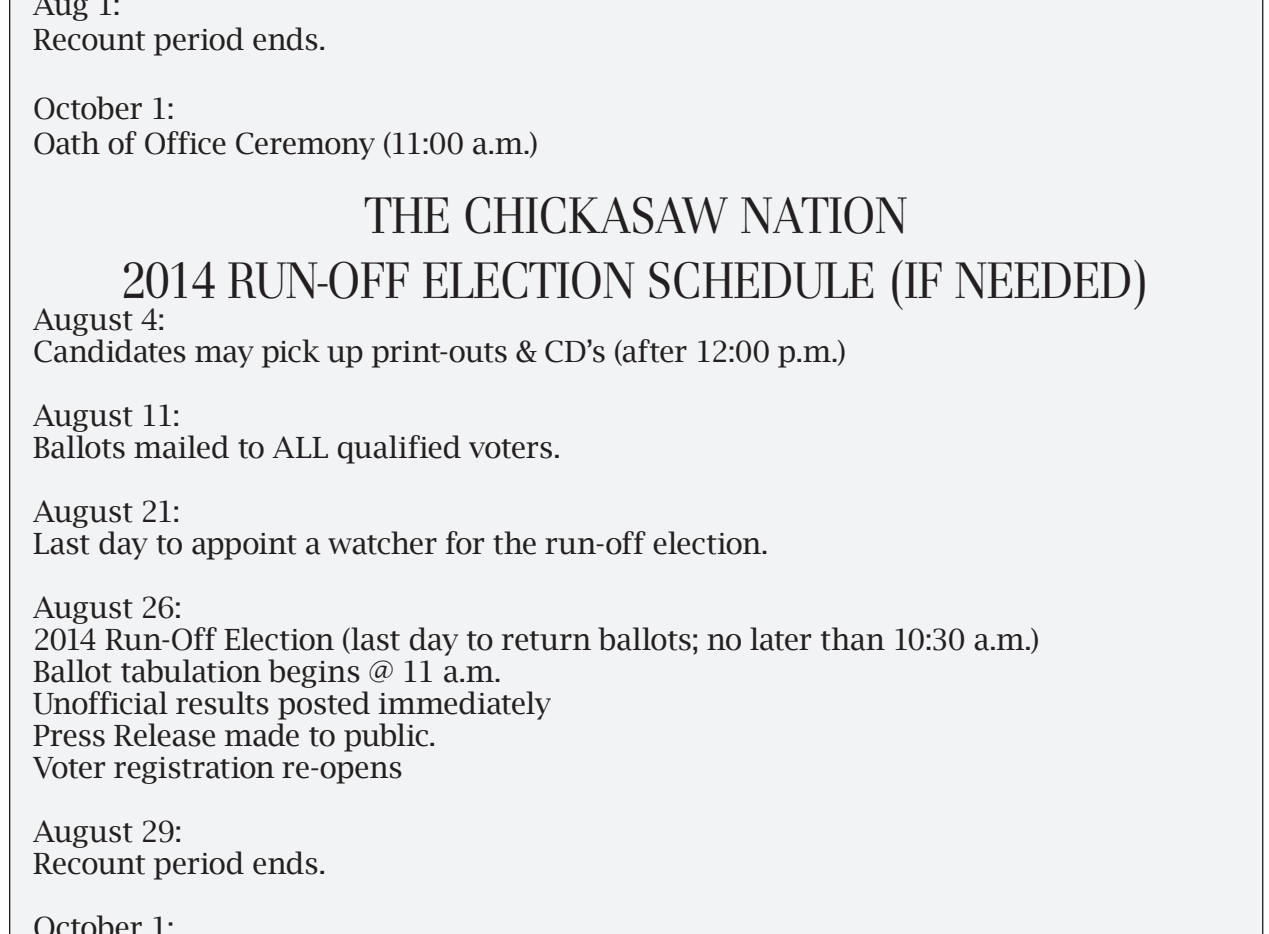
August 21:
Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

August 26:
2014 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)
Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.
Unofficial results posted immediately
Press Release made to public.
Voter registration re-opens

August 29:
Recount period ends.

October 1:
Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)





Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to service personnel stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net.**

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

Court Advocates now available in Ardmore, Ada and Purcell

Court Advocate Services are now available in Ardmore, Ada, and Purcell to assist Native Americans with legal problems.

To make an appointment call 1-800-479-1459.

This is a service provided by the tribal court system.

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*

Randolph "Randy" Baptiste

Randolph "Randy" Baptiste, 53, died April 26, 2014, at Ardmore, Okla. Funeral services were April 29, at Southwest Baptist Church of Ardmore. Interment followed at McAlister Cemetery, Overbrook, Okla.

Mr. Baptiste was born April 9, 1961, to Dolph Baptiste, Sr. and Betty Lou (Brown) Baptiste at Altus, Oklahoma.

He loved all sports and was an avid University of Oklahoma (OU) and Dallas Cowboy fan. He loved his native heritage and traditions and spending time with his precious granddaughter, BreAnna Holybee, but most of all, he loved The Lord. Randy was a member of Sandy Baptist Church and worked for the Chickasaw Nation for over twenty years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dolph Baptiste, Sr.,; and grandparents Amelia Shoemaker Campos and Lula Marris Parker.

He is survived by his mother, Betty Baptiste; four children Joshua and Vincent Baptiste, of the home, Amanda Holybee and husband, David, of Ardmore, and Brandice Provost, of Sioux City, Iowa; four grandchildren, BreAnna Holybee, Rashad Holybee, Brendan Catches, and Jaedyn Lopez; a brother, Arch Ranai Baptiste and wife, Peggy, of Kentucky; sisters, Rebecca Nash, Rhonda Perez, Raquel Baptiste; and friends, Erin and Spencer Whalen, all of Ardmore; nieces and nephews, Amber Baptiste, of Kentucky, Trey, Mariah, Tylen, Jeron, Aaron, Chase, and Aaralyn, all of Ardmore; and numerous extended family and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Arch Ranai Baptiste, Joshua Baptiste, Trey Baptiste, Harry Marris, Ray Meely, Richard Carney, and Tylen Baptiste. Serving as honorary bearers will be members of the Chickasaw Nation Transportation team.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com.

Jackie Douglas "Jack" Hensley

Jackie Douglas "Jack" Hensley, 85, of Ardmore, Okla., died April 27, 2014. Graveside services were April 30, at Rose Hill Cemetery with Pastor Raymond Hensley officiating.

He was born May 12, 1928, to Leonard Nathan Hensley and Bessie Bell (Burris) Hensley at Ardmore. He attended Saint Mary's Catholic School, and Lincoln, Washington, and Franklin Elementary schools in Ardmore and graduated from Ardmore High School in 1948. Mr. Hensley was a Golden Gloves boxer during his high school years. While still in school, he worked for Bill Hensley as a painter and for Tom Cooper Dairy as an ice cream delivery person. He served in the U.S. Army National Guard in the 45th-179th Infantry Divisions prior to being called up for regular U.S. Army duty in 1950. Before leaving for boot camp, He married Miss Lou Antha Guess October 22, 1950, at Ardmore. He attended basic training at Ft. Polk in Louisiana and received hospital administration training at Brooks General Hospital at San Antonio, Texas. He was sent to Camp Stoneman in California and worked as a ward master.

He went to Japan aboard the USS Gordan and was sent to Korea and served in a 4009 MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) Unit as a Sergeant First Class. He received a Purple Heart medal when he was shot in the arm and hands with phosphorus while getting the wounded off of the front line at T-Bone Hill (about 250 miles northeast of Seoul at Tochani). He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army in 1952 at Ft. Sill, Lawton, Okla. After his military service he worked for local automobile dealers as their parts manager and Memorial Hospital in Ardmore as an ambulance driver. In 1962, Mr. Hensley began working for American National Insurance Agency as an insurance salesman and remained with the company until his retirement in 1982. In 1987, he served on the committee to re-draft the Chickasaw Nation Constitution and was a member of the S.O.I.A. (Southern Oklahoma Indian Association). He was a charter member of the Ardmore C.B. Club and a member of the local D.A.V. and D.F.W. organizations.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Bessie Hensley; and a son, Jackie Leonard "Butch" Hensley on February 8, 1953.

He is survived by two sons, Robert Douglas Hensley, of Ardmore, and Michael David Hensley, of Fort Worth, Texas; and a brother, Kenneth Hensley, of Ardmore.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com.

Velma Brumley Patterson

Velma Brumley Patterson, 93, a former Duncan (OK) educator, died May 3, 2014. Services were May 8 at All Saints Episcopal Church officiated by the Rev. Anita Slovak.

She was born July 16, 1920 at Valley View Hospital, Ada, Okla., to Mr. and Mrs. Arch M. Pettigrew. Her father was an original Chickasaw enrollee.

In her early years she attended Carter Seminary (Bloomfield Academy), a boarding school for Chickasaw girls. She graduated from high school in 1938. After high school she attended East Central University (ECU) in Ada.

In 1938 she married Mr. Robert M. Brumley, who was also attending ECU. Later they moved to California where he was employed in the Los Angles shipyard. In 1941 and 1942 she returned to Ada for the birth of her daughter Martha and son Leland. She returned to California where she resided until Mr. Brumley's U.S. Marine Corps unit left for duty in the World War II Pacific Theater. After the war the Brumleys resided in Ada where they resumed their studies at ECU. They divorced in 1951.

In 1951 she earned a bachelor or science degree in education from ECU. She accepted a teaching position at Woodlawn Consolidated school located in the vicinity of Davis, Okla. In 1953 she moved to Duncan and continued her teaching career at Lee and Woodrow Wilson Elementary Schools. She continued her academic studies and earned a masters degree from ECU in 1974. After a long and rewarding 35 year career she retired in 1985.

In retirement she pursued her interests in oil painting, travel, and the arts. Highlights were trips to Hawaii, Germany, and a Caribbean cruise. During these years she married Mr. Fred Hyder and Mr. Frank Patterson.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Martha; and her husbands.

She is survived by her son, Leland Brumley and wife, Karen, of Houston; a son-in-law James (Jim) Lowe, of Duncan; three grandchildren, Leslie Wilmer and husband, Paul, of Round Rock, Texas, Greg Lowe, of Philadelphia, Pa., Gary Lowe and wife, Jana, of Kingston, Okla.; and great-grandchildren Travis Wilmer, Mallory den Harder and husband, Gideon, Jessie Lowe, Matthew Lowe, Christen Green; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Mary Jane Underwood Postoak

Mary Jane Underwood Postoak, age 76, died April 23, 2014, at Ada, Okla. Funeral services were April 28, at I Hunta Pickens Family Cemetery in Marshall County with Randy Wade officiating and Lucy Postoak assisting. Interment followed at I Hunta Pickens Cemetery, Madill, Okla.

She was born February 2, 1938, to Sampson Underwood and Rosie A. (Stout) Underwood at McMillan, Okla., where she was raised. She was a graduate of Ardmore High School.

She moved to Texas and began working at Texas Instruments. She married John Postoak, and moved to Ardmore in 1969 and worked for the Slaughter Company until 1994. She then cared for her grandson while her son was serving our country in the military. In 1997, she moved to Mississippi where she has lived since, spending time with her great-grandchildren, watching TV Evangelists, and going to yard sales.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Betty Jean Watson; and a son, Stephen Postoak.

She is survived by a daughter, Rita Lynette (Postoak) Sykes; a son, Ken Postoak; grandchildren, Marissa Postoak, Zac Postoak, Ariel Sykes, Lindsay Sykes, Elisha Sykes, and Jacob Postoak; great-grandchildren, Isaiah Patterson, Gracy and Keira, Natania Sykes, and Shaylin and Jazzlyn Sykes; brothers, Sampson Underwood Jr. and Thedo Underwood; a host of nieces and nephews; and a daughter-in-law, Lucy Postoak.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com.

Charles Grant "Bimbo" Lowrance

Charles Grant "Bimbo" Lowrance, 60, died May 20, 2014. Services were May 23 at Hale's Memorial Chapel, Sulphur, Okla., with Charles Cook officiating. Interment followed at the Lowrance Family Cemetery, South of Sulphur.

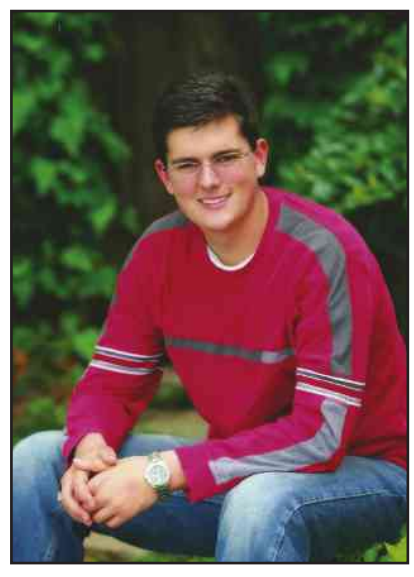
He was born April 10, 1954 in Sulphur, OK to the late Charles Oric Lowrance and the late Eunice Amelia (Miller) Lowrance. He married Charlotte Caldwell July 14, 1995 in Lone Grove, Okla.

Mr. Lowrance was a 1972 graduate of Fox (OK) High School. He worked in the oil and gas industry. Throughout his career, he worked for several companies including Baroid, Baker-Hughes and Anchor Drilling. He was a senior drilling fluid engineer. In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time with his grandsons, listing to music, welding and reading. He was an avid gun collector.

He is survived by his wife Charlotte; daughters, Amelia (Lowrance) Cook and husband, Russell, of Norman, Okla., and Chari Wheeler and husband, Danny, of Ardmore, Okla.; a son, Brandon Warren and wife, Sharla, of Springtown, Texas; three grandsons, Grant Lewis Duncan, Banyon Charles Cook and Bodhi Thomas Cook; sisters, Layne (Lowrance) McAdoo and husband, Jim, of Albuquerque, Carolin Lowrance, of Norman and Charlotte (Lowrance) Bronstead and husband Bob, of Houston; a brother, Landon Lowrance and wife, Laura, of Sulphur; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

On line condolences may be offered at halesfuneralhomes.com.

Kyle Maytubby



Kyle Maytubby, age 25 of Frisco, Texas died May 5, 2014 at Dallas, Texas. A memorial service was May 9 at the First Baptist Church in Frisco with Dr. Chuck Martin and Pastor Elwood Larson officiating. This was a celebration of Kyle's life and Kyle requested no dark clothes or suits and ties. Jeans preferred.

He was born February 14, 1989 at Hanford, Calif. Kyle graduated from Frisco High School, Frisco, Texas where he played football for four years and attended East Central University in Ada, Okla. He also held a First Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwan Do. Kyle was proud of his Chickasaw heritage and majored in History.

He is survived by his parents, Dan and Lynnette Maytubby, of Frisco, Texas, Kelly and Bill Giacomazzi of Hanford, California; three sisters, Colette Wind (Clayton) of Norman, Oklahoma, Annalise Maytubby of Frisco, Texas, and Addison Maytubby of Frisco, Texas; grandparents, Sue Maytubby of Frisco, Texas, Freida Deming of Hanford, California, and Bobby and Dixie Taylor of Brownsboro, Texas; nieces, Maya Wind and Sophia Wind. Kyle was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Billy Joe Maytubby, and his maternal grandfather Richard Deming, both of Hanford, California. Kyle is the great-great-grandson of Eastman Thomas and Minnie Durin Maytubby, original enrollees.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the First Baptist Church in Frisco Youth Camp Scholarship Fund.

An additional memorial service was Saturday, May 17, 2014 at Lakeside Community Church, Hanford, Calif.

Billy Ray Tannehill

Billy Ray Tannehill, 74, of Del City, Okla., died May 19 2014 at his home, after a battle with cancer. Services were May 22 at Ford Funeral Service, Midwest City, Okla.

He was born January 13 1940, at Lindsey, Okla. to Windell and Virgie Tannehill. He married Carol Lee Heard October 6, 1960 at Oklahoma City.

He loved fishing and hunting and after retiring he enjoyed playing golf.

He is survived by his wife, Carol, of 53 years; sons Ray Tannehill and wife, Sheila, Darrel Tannehill and wife, Brenda; a daughter, Michelle Tannehill; grandchildren Jeremy, Austin, Rylee, Amber, Steven, Christopher, Kathy and Dustin; great-grandchildren Ayden, Aniston, Paige, Paityn, Alley, Adam, and Justin; a brother Luie and wife, Dee; sisters Madeline Allen and husband, Henry, and Linda Gentry and husband, Burley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Windell and Virgie Tannehill; four brothers, Jimmy, JA, Troy and Leroy; and a granddaughter ,Christy Rice.

Samuel David Sinclair

Samuel David Sinclair died May 8, 2014 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, Ada, Okla. Services were May 20 at Choctaw Veterans Cemetery, Tuskahoma, Okla.

He was born Dec. 8, 1947 at Oklahoma City to Phillip and Vera (Wilson) Sinclair. He was raised in California.

Mr. Sinclair served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a salesman and later worked five years in security for the Chickasaw Nation.

He was proud of his Choctaw heritage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Phillip and Vera Sinclair; and a brother Douglas Hughes.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy, of the home; a step-daughter, Francine Parchcorn and husband, Buddy; a step-granddaughter, Courtney Parchcorn; and many friends.

He was always willing to help others and he will be missed by many.

In Loving Memory Donald Gene Prather

July 9, 1934 - May 24, 2013

One year ago you left us and journeyed far away

You claimed your mansion in heaven on this day

You won't come back to me, I know it's true, I hope some day I can come to you.

A silent thought, a secret tear, a constant wish that you were here.

I cannot bring the old days back when we were together, but memories will live forever.

Beside your grave I stand and weep and try so hard to understand.

The tears in my eyes, I'll wipe away, the pain in my heart is here to stay.

Memories of you I will always treasure,

Loving you always and forgetting your never.

We will forever love and miss you,

Peggy, Jim and Brittney

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
April 17, 2014

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He appointed Ms. Monette Richardson to serve as Recording Secretary Pro Tempore in the absence of Ms. Doretta Sellers.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Members absent: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert

Staff present: Monette Richardson, Recording Secretary Pro Tempore, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Bethany Gill, Gene Leamann, Michael L. Wingo

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - March 21, 2014

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve the minutes of March 21, 2014.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2014, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) **LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Pro Tempore Connie Barker

General Resolution Number 31-023, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the expansion of the Chickasaw Nation properties in the Tishomingo area.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Mr. Woerz to approve GR31-023.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-023 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-024, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, for the expansion of the Chickasaw Nation properties in the Tishomingo area.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Mr. Wood to approve GR31-024.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-024 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 31-025, To Affirm General Resolution 21-028 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Stephens County

This resolution affirms General Resolution 21-028 for the purpose of specifically and correctly identifying the complete legal description.

A motion was made by Ms. Barker and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR31-025.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR31-025 carried unanimously.

Ms. Barker concluded her report.

(B) **COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Pro Tempore David Woerz

Permanent Resolution Number 31-005, Amendments to Title 3, Chapter 6 Section 6-601.3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Rights of Majority)

This resolution corrects a reference in Section 6-601.3 to another section of the Chickasaw Nation Code and also amends the word "fix" to "set" for purposes of clarity. The amendments were requested by District Court Judge Dustin Rowe.

A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve PR31-005.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve PR31-005 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Chairperson Woods announced the Dynamic Women's Conference, today, in Sulphur. There were no comments from the citizens.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

MAY 2014 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 31-026
Approval of Development Budget
(WinStar Hardened Data Center)

Explanation: This resolution approves the development budget amount for the WinStar Hardened Data Center project in the amount of $9,982,509. This development budget addresses the design, engineering, and construction of a new 16,000 square feet Data Center building. The building will house a 4,700 square feet hardened data room, 6,750 square feet office space, and 4,350 square feet back of house support area. The building will also provide for additional future expansion of the data room as the need arises.

Presented By: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 31-027
Approval of Development Budget
(Thackerville Gaming Addition)

Explanation: This resolution approves the development budget amount for the Thackerville Gaming Addition project in the amount of $4,247,664.00. The development budget addresses the design, engineering and construction of a new 8,500 square feet gaming addition. The building will house approximately 280 new electronic games with related back of house support. The project will also include additional parking of approximately 430 new spaces to be located south of the existing structure.

Presented By: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 31-028

Authorization for Demolition and Removal of the Chickasaw Towers in Ardmore

Explanation: This Resolution authorizes and approves the demolition and removal of the Chickasaw Towers at a cost of $750,000.00. The building was constructed in 1974 and the condition of the building is such that it is uninhabitable and presents a safety risk to the Chickasaw citizens and the general public.

Property Location: 101 N. G, Ardmore OK, Oklahoma
Use: None (uninhabitable building)
Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Dean McManus

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 12, 2014

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Dean McManus

Finance Committee
May 12, 2014

Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Land Development Committee
May 12, 2014

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods

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